

Sen. Tapia **Fiscal Analyst:** Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

TITLE: CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO CONSUME AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE

PURCHASED AT THE COLORADO STATE FAIR AT ANY LOCATION ON THE

FAIRGROUNDS LICENSED FOR CONSUMPTION.

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows any person who purchases an alcohol beverage at the Colorado State Fair to consume and possess the beverage at any location licensed for alcohol consumption within the fairgrounds boundary. However, the beverage may not be removed from the fairgrounds premises.

The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Several licensed liquor locations are authorized within the Colorado state fairgrounds. Currently, a patron who purchases a beer at a beer stand, for example, may not carry that beer into the Agriculture Pavilion or some other building that is consigned to a different liquor licensee. The bill allows state fair patrons to wander the fairgrounds without compromising the regulations governing liquor licensees.

The bill will not impact the oversight activities of the Colorado State Fair and is not expected to impact the total sale of alcohol beverages on the premises of the state fair. Potential violations of current liquor license regulations will be minimized by the bill and enforcement activities will continue at current levels.

Departments Contacted

Local Affairs Revenue