SHORT TITLE: ATM WITHDRAWALS OF PUBLIC BENEFITS

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits recipients of public benefits from using electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards at adult-oriented entertainment and licensed marijuana establishments.

Background

Federal law requires states to take measures to prevent recipients of public benefits from using EBT cards at gambling establishments, liquor stores, and adult-oriented entertainment establishments. Colorado law currently complies with federal requirements, except for adult-oriented entertainment establishments. Colorado law also prohibits EBT cards from being used at firearm dealers.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase workload in the Department of Human Services by a minimal amount to inform benefit recipients of the new restrictions and to update its enforcement procedures. As the department is currently in the process of revising its enforcement guidelines, it is assumed this workload increase will not require an increase in appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Human Services Municipalities
Public Health and Environment Revenue