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Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s):	Rep. Winter; Roupe Sen. Grantham; Hodge	**Bill Status:**	Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: EXPAND SCOPE SHARED PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal Workload Increase	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None		

** This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.*

Summary of Legislation

Under Colorado's renewable energy standard, retail customers whose property is not well suited for on-site generation may buy output from a centrally located distributed generation facility with other subscribers. These facilities are known as community solar gardens (CSG's).

Current law requires subscribers to live in the same county as the CSG with one exception. If the subscriber's county has less than 20,000 residents, the CSG may be in an adjacent county as long as that county also has less than 20,000 residents. This bill eliminates these population requirements.

State Expenditures

Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The amended bill requires minor conforming changes to the CSG portion of the PUC's renewable energy standard rules to delete county population requirements. As such, the workload impact is minimal, and no additional appropriation is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 8, 2015.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies