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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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BILL TOPIC: POSTPONEMENT OF JURY SERVICE FOR BREAST-FEEDING

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends the Colorado Uniform Jury Selection and Service Act to excuse a potential juror who is breast-feeding a child. The postponement of jury duty may not exceed two consecutive 12-month periods, and a judge or jury commissioner may request a physician's note or medical statement supporting the postponement.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Under current law, persons may be excused from jury duty if serving on a jury would cause undue physical hardship to another person in the potential juror's direct care or supervision. Current provisions of the Colorado Uniform Jury Selection and Service Act also address the submission of documentation in support of postponed jury duty. This bill clarifies the applicability of current statute to persons breast-feeding a child, but it does not change the jury pool for municipal or state courts or have any other effect on state or local revenue or expenditures.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial Department Regulatory Agencies Labor and Employment Municipalities

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