

Public Real Property Index Amendment Summary

Bill Summary:

HB 20-1138 requires each state agency, state institution of higher education, and political subdivision of the state to submit to the Office of the State Architect (OSA) a list of all usable and vacant facilities owned by or under the control of the agency, institution, or political subdivision. The bill requires that these entities continue to report information on real property on a yearly basis. This information will be used to expand the current list that the OSA maintains into an accessible database that can be used by nonprofits and other organizations that struggle to find adequate and affordable organizational space.

L001

This amendment is organizational: it substitutes the correct bill number and re-letters section 7.

L002

This amendment prevents duplicative information reporting and clarifies which information is included in the searchable database. This amendment also clarifies specific exemptions for governmental entities that provide underlying community infrastructure services and do not own properties of interest for disclosure (such as municipal utilities, Rural Transportation District rights of way, CHFA, and certain districts such as water conservancy, fire or ambulance). In response to conversations with school districts and to recognize reporting efficiencies for stakeholders, the definition of “underutilized habitable structure” for the purposes of this bill has been revised from five hundred square feet to three thousand continuous square feet, and includes the charter school requirements authority rules in Colorado Revised Statutes 22-30.5-104. This amendment also removes the 5 business day reporting period for property sale/leasing transactions and requires only one annual report in addition to removing the requirement of reporting land for the purposes of this bill.

L003

This amendment clarifies a definition of “vacant” for identifying vacant facilities owned or held in trust by state agencies of institutions of higher education. The amendment adds metropolitan districts, water conservancy districts, water activity enterprises, and water conservation districts as entities not included as political subdivision for HB 20-1138, therefore exempting the districts. The amendment removes the reporting requirements for how the property is zoned; the plan for the use, development, or sale of the property; and the description that includes the condition of the property. Instead, only a description, in square feet, of the property will be reported in addition to contact information and location.

The amendment requires a disclaimer on the OSA website that the database will be updated annually but includes contact information for further inquiries.