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SUBJECT: Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendment HB1282_L.001

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed Amendment L.001 to House Bill 20-1282. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

Amendment L.001 removes state government entities and state institutions of higher education from the list of governmental entities that are required to establish encrypted radio communication policies. It also modifies the bill's requirements for encryption policies in order to allow governmental entities more flexibility in what provisions are included in a policy.

Fiscal Impact of Amendment

Amendment L.001 eliminates the state General Fund impact of \$504,000 in FY 2020-21 identified in the fiscal note dated March 2, 2020.

Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment

With Amendment L.001, House Bill 20-1282 requires no appropriation. Its fiscal impact on state government is a minimal workload impact on the Judicial Department to the extent that any civil actions related to encryption policies are brought against a local government agency, and a corresponding state revenue impact from filing fees. Local government impacts identified in the original fiscal note remain and are as follows.

Radio encryption policy and policy implementation. Beginning in FY 2020-21, local governments, school districts, and other political subdivisions that encrypt radio communications will have increased legal and administrative expenses to draft the mandated policy, gather input from Colorado media members and the public, and conduct the required public meeting regarding the adoption of the encryption policy. Beginning in January 2021, these entities may incur additional costs to reprogram or purchase new radios and other equipment, depending on what encryption policies are adopted.

District attorneys and Denver County Court. The bill increases workload for district attorneys to the extent these entities are involved with potential civil actions under the bill. Similarly, the bill may increase revenue and costs for the Denver County Court, which is managed and funded by the City and County of Denver, to hear any civil actions under the bill.