



# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Rich  
Sen. Scott

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**Bill Status:** Signed into Law

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**Bill Topic:** GRAND JUNCTION REGIONAL CENTER CAMPUS

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure ( <i>minimal</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity
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This bill allows the Department of Human Services to either transfer all or a portion of the Grand Junction Regional Center (GJRC) campus to a state institution of higher education or to a local government, or to list for sale all or a portion of the property. The bill potentially reduces state revenue in FY 2019-20, and may minimally increase state workload. If a transfer occurs, for the receiving institution of higher education or local government, costs will increase to improve and maintain the new property.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to either transfer all or a portion of the Grand Junction Regional Center (GJRC) campus to a state institution of higher education or to a local government, or to list for sale all or a portion of the property.

## Background

Under current law, pursuant to Senate Bill 16-178, DHS has been directed to vacate the GJRC campus and to list the property for sale. As of this writing, there are still residents at the GJRC campus. The GJRC campus is comprised of about 47 acres and 28 buildings. Mesa County has expressed interest in acquiring the GJRC campus.

## State Revenue

This bill may reduce state revenue to DHS if all or a portion of the GJRC campus is transferred rather than sold in FY 2019-20. The property has not been appraised recently, so the value is unknown; however, the property has required extensive maintenance work over the years. Furthermore, there are environmental contaminants on the campus, which may require costly mitigation and could factor into the potential sale price and the decision to transfer rather than sell the property. This revenue is subject to TABOR.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill may impact the Department of Personnel and Administration, Department of Human Services, and Institutions of Higher Education as discussed below.

**Department of Human Services.** This bill may increase workload for DHS to transfer all or a portion of the property. Any workload increase will be accomplished within existing appropriations. If the GJRC campus is transferred, there is a potential reduction in maintenance costs for the property.

**Department of Personnel and Administration.** This bill may increase workload for the Office of the State Architect in the Department of Personnel and Administration to assist with the transfer all or a portion of the property, if necessary. Any workload increase is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Institutions of Higher Education.** To the extent that all or a portion of the property is transferred to an institution of higher education, that institution will have a new asset and new maintenance obligations.

## **Local Government**

To the extent that Mesa County or any other local government is involved in a transfer, it will have a new asset and new maintenance obligations.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law Governor on March 7, 2019, and took effect August 2, 2019.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties Local Affairs	Higher Education Municipalities	Human Services Personnel
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