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HB20-1138

SHORT TITLE: Public Real Property Index

LONG TITLE: Concerning supplementing the centralized inventory of state-owned real property maintained by the office of the state architect to include all publicly owned real property.

SPONSORS: Reps. Coleman and Larsen/Sens. Bridges and Gardner

COMMITTEES: House Transportation & Local Government and House Appropriations Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To obtain an inventory of property owned by governmental entities, with a view toward locating available properties for affordable housing.

PROponents OF THE BILL: Nonprofit organizations that wish to provide affordable housing?

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: All levels of government that own property including water districts and local governments. Nonprofit organizations that need available and affordable land for facilities that benefit communities.

BACKGROUND: Colorado real estate is extremely expensive creating barriers to construction of facilities such as affordable housing, community centers, childcare facilities, etc. The sponsors wish to make an inventory of publicly owned land that may be under-utilized or available for such community benefit facilities.

How does the bill change current law? It doesn't change law; it just directs the State Architect to identify properties owned by governmental entities and prepare an inventory that is available to the public.

How is the bill implemented: If enacted each state agency, state institution of higher education, and political subdivision of the state must annually submit a list of its usable real property to the Office of the State Architect. The State Architect then must prepare, and update the inventory making it available to the public free of charge.

Does the bill affect prior appropriation: No.

Practical considerations: The timeline provided to implement this is too short. Property owned by water districts is not suitable for such third-party facilities and should be exempted from inclusion in the inventory.

Fiscal impact: The fiscal note estimates over half million dollars in cost to the State, with increased workload for all levels of local government.