

State Expenditures

The bill clarifies that public construction projects funded through lease-purchase agreements must meet the public art requirement. This could increase future capital construction costs for some state agencies and institutions of higher education that do not include funding for public art under current law for lease-purchase projects. However, this increase cannot be estimated, as it is unknown which construction projects will be prioritized and receive funding in the future. The 1 percent art allocation would either result in increased total costs for these projects, fewer projects being completed overall, or cuts to future project budgets to incorporate art funding within planned funding levels. The bill will only apply to projects approved after its implementation date.

The bill will increase expenditures from the Works of Art in Public Places Fund, which is managed by the Colorado Council on the Arts and funded through the 1 percent art allocation. The council works with project architects and state agencies using a jury system to select and purchase art for public construction projects. This analysis assumes that the council can absorb the workload from any increase in participation in the Art in Public Places program.

State Appropriations

The bill does not require an appropriation at this time. This analysis assumes that funding will be appropriated or approved through the regular Capital Development Committee process.

Departments Contacted

All Departments