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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB766 by Estes (relating to the liability of a sport shooting range and the regulation of firearms, ammunition, firearm supplies, and sport shooting ranges.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to include a sport shooting range in the list of entities protected from a governmental suit in regard to the recovery of damages resulting from, or injunctive relief or abatement of a nuisance relating to the lawful discharge of a firearm. The bill would specify that a governmental unit may enforce a valid ordinance, statute or regulation for a sport shooting range's construction if the range begins operation after September 1, 2011. The bill would include limitations on private suits against a sport shooting range and specify the need of expert witnesses in a suit.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to prohibit a municipality or a county from regulating the discharge of a firearm at a sport shooting range, notwithstanding any other law. The bill would require a minimum of twenty individuals to discharge a firearm in a calendar year in order to qualify as a private club or association in relation to a sport shooting range.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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