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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: EXTEND REPEAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund		Workload decrease.
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Workload increase in FY 2018-19. Continuation of costs through FY 2020-21.		

Summary of Legislation

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) in the Department of Human Services (DHS) is currently scheduled for repeal on July 1, 2018. This bill extends the repeal date of the ECLC to September 1, 2020. Correspondingly, the date of the sunset review prior to the repeal is also extended.

Background

The ECLC serves as the state advisory council for early childhood issues. It was established as part of the federal Head Start Act in 2010 to promote the coordination of policies and procedures that affect the health and well-being of Colorado children. The commission is made up of members from:

- parents and families, receiving early childhood supports or services;
- DHS, the Department of Public Health and Environment, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Department of Higher Education, and the Department of Education;
- representatives of local public health community;
- local educational agencies;
- representatives of local government groups;
- the state director of Head Start collaboration;

- providers of early childhood education and development services;
- the business community; and
- nonprofit and/or foundation community members involved in early childhood issues.

The ECLC has annual expenditures of \$170,604 and 2.0 FTE, paid with federal funds. The FTE for the ECLC is for support staff, including a program manager and assistant. Members of the ECLC serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for costs incurred while fulfilling their duties on the commission.

State Expenditures

By extending the sunset date, this bill shifts workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and continues the DHS costs of the ECLC for two years. These impacts are described below.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. Currently the ECLC is scheduled for DORA sunset review in FY 2017-18. This bill pushes the repeal date of the ECLC out until September 1, 2020, which will shift the sunset review of the ECLC to FY 2019-20.

Department of Human Services. With the extension of the repeal date, the DHS will have continuing costs and workload associated with the ECLC from FY 2018-19 to FY 2020-2021. Based on current appropriations these costs are estimated to be \$170,604 and 2.0 FTE annually.

Other state agencies. This bill continues the workload for the state agencies listed in the background section that have representatives on the ECLC beginning in FY 2018-19. This increase in workload is minimal and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact and School Districts

This bill continues the workload for local governments and school districts that have members on the ECLC by extending the repeal date. This workload increase is minimal and will not require additional funding.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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