



**Colorado  
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**HB16-1374**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0824  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. McCann  
Sen. Kefalas

**Date:** June 28, 2016  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

**BILL TOPIC:** REQUIRED NOTICE & DISCLOSURE FREESTANDING EMERGENCY ROOMS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures Cash Funds	<u>\$17,000</u> 17,000	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$17,000 - Department of Public Health and Environment.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> None.		

**NOTE:** This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to convene a stakeholder group to address various issues relating to freestanding emergency rooms, including appropriate regulation of such facilities; public education about primary, urgent, and emergency care; signs and notifications; costs and fees; and other matters as deemed necessary by the executive director of the CDPHE. The bill specifies the membership on the stakeholder group. The stakeholder group must convene by August 1, 2016. The CDPHE must provide a progress report to various legislative committees by January 1, 2017, and submit a final report of findings and recommendations by March 1, 2017.

**State Expenditures**

The bill results in one-time costs of \$17,000 in the CDPHE for staff to support and facilitate the stakeholder group. It is assumed a contractor would be used to conduct this work, including coordinating meetings and writing the required reports to the legislature. This cost can be paid from the existing fund balance in the General Licensure Cash Fund. Staff from the Division of Insurance in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) will also have additional work to serve on the stakeholder group. The fiscal note assumes these duties can be accomplished within existing appropriations to DORA.

## Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on May 5, 2016.

## State Appropriation

For FY 2016-17, the bill requires an appropriation of \$17,000 to the CDPHE from the General Licensure Cash Fund.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties  
Public Health and Environment

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