



**Colorado
Legislative
Council
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HB17-1191

FISCAL NOTE

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Becker K.; Herod

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BILL TOPIC: DEMOGRAPHIC NOTES FOR CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$100,719	\$103,888
General Fund	87,263	89,070
Centrally Appropriated Costs	13,456	14,818
FTE Position Change	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE
Appropriation Required: \$87,263 - Legislative Department (FY 2017-18).		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing state expenditure increase.		

Summary of Legislation

Beginning in the 2018 legislative session, this bill requires Legislative Council Staff to prepare demographic notes for legislation that outline the potential disparate effects of a bill on various populations within the state by race, gender, disability, age, geography, income, or other relevant characteristics for which data are available. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and the minority leaders of each chamber may request up to five bills each for which demographic notes will be prepared. Additional demographic notes may be prepared at the discretion of the Director of Research of Legislative Council Staff.

The requesting member of legislative leadership must meet with Legislative Council Staff to discuss whether or not a demographic note is feasible for a particular bill. The Director of Research of Legislative Council Staff must develop procedures for requesting, completing, and updating demographic notes by December 1, 2017, and memorialize these procedures in a letter to the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. The bill requires that state agencies provide information to Legislative Council Staff for the preparation of demographic notes in the form and within the deadlines specified by Legislative Council Staff.

State Expenditures

The bill increases General Fund costs for Legislative Council Staff by \$100,719 and 0.9 FTE in FY 2017-18 and \$103,888 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2018-19 and future years. These costs, shown in Table 1, are for an additional fiscal staff person to accommodate the additional workload required

by the bill. In the first part of FY 2017-18, staff time will be required to develop procedures for requesting, completing and updating the notes. Starting at the 2018 legislative session, workload will increase for the preparation and review of demographic notes and the required time to monitor and update the notes during the legislative process. Demographic notes are expected to be requested primarily for complicated legislation, which will require data intensive analyses. Staff time is also required during the legislative interim for staff to prepare and maintain models and databases. Software and data licensing costs of about \$10,000 per year will also be incurred to purchase specialized software for data and geographic analysis and to obtain needed data on the Colorado and national populations.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB17-1191		
Cost Components	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Personal Services	\$71,610	\$78,120
FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	5,653	950
Computer and Data Licensing Costs	10,000	10,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	13,456	14,818
TOTAL	\$100,719	\$103,888

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

State agency workload. State agencies will have an increase in workload to respond to data and information requests from Legislative Council Staff related to demographic notes. Workload will vary depending on the number of demographic notes requested that affect a given agency and the complexity of the measure under consideration. This workload, assuming it is spread across agencies in a roughly even manner, is expected to be minimal and not require a change in appropriation for any state agency. Should an agency regularly experience a high volume of demographic note requests or require additional resources associated with data collection or preparation, it is assumed that additional funding will be requested through the annual budget process.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Centrally Appropriated Costs Under HB17-1191		
Cost Components	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$7,039	\$7,818
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	6,417	7,000
TOTAL	\$13,456	\$14,818

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2017-18, the bill requires an appropriation of \$87,263 General Fund to the Legislative Department and an allocation of 0.9 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

All State Agencies