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# FISCAL NOTE

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**Bill Topic:** CIRCLE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROGRAM

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure ( <i>minimal</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill establishes the Circle Program in statute. It increases state workload by a minimal amount in FY 2017-18 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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### Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes the existing Circle Program, an intensive 90-day treatment program for patients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, in statute within the Department of Human Services (DHS).

### Background

The Circle Program serves up to 20 individuals at a time and until recently was located on the campus of the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo (CMHIP). For FY 2017-18, the program has an appropriation of approximately \$2.2 million primarily made up of Marijuana Tax Cash Fund dollars. Due to staffing shortages at the CMHIP, the Circle Program was temporarily closed and its direct care staff were reassigned to other CMHIP units. DHS found other treatment options for existing patients and going forward will be contracting with managed service organizations to provide community-based services under the Circle Program rather than inpatient services at the CMHIP. The appropriation for the program will be adjusted to account for the new service structure.

### State Expenditures

The DHS will have a minimal increase in workload in the current fiscal year, FY 2017-18, to update their program materials and website to reflect the new statutory citation. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations. Establishing the program in statute will not affect the existing funding or expenditures for the Circle Program.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Human Services

Information Technology

Law