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SB 19-031

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: CHILD WELFARE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** This bill changes the appointing authority of two members of the Child Welfare Allocations Committee and has no fiscal impact on state and local government revenue or expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, county commissioners appoint eight members to the Child Welfare Allocations Committee and the state Department of Human Services (DHS) appoints five members. Of the five members appointed by the DHS, at least two members must be representatives from the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload.

This bill increases the number of members appointed by county commissioners to ten, with the requirement that the county commissioners in the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload each appoint one member. Correspondingly, the bill decreases the number of DHS appointments to three members and removes the requirement that at least two members appointed by the DHS represent the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload.

Background

The Child Welfare Allocations Committee is a 13-member committee that provides input to the executive director of DHS on the allocation of child welfare services to counties. The committee annually reviews and makes recommendations to the DHS for the allocation formula, which includes capped and targeted allocations to counties for child welfare services, additional county child welfare staff, and an allocation for family and children's programs. Currently, the two counties with the greatest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload were El Paso and Denver counties.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Changing the appointment authority for two members of the Child Welfare Allocations Committee from the DHS to the two counties with the largest percentage of the state's child welfare caseload will have no affect on the revenue or expenditures of any state or local agency. Therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Child Protection Ombudsman
Office of the Child's Representative
Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel

Counties
Human Services
Information Technology