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SB 19-145

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 19-0373
Prime Sponsors: Sen. Todd
Rep. Valdez A.

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: SUNSET CONTINUE DIALYSIS CLINIC & TECHNICIAN REGULATION

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Sunset bill. This bill continues the regulation of dialysis care in the Department of Public Health and Environment, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2019. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2026.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB-145***

New Impacts		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-
Continuing Program Impacts		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	\$200,000
Expenditures	Cash Funds	-	\$131,000
	FTE	-	0.8 FTE
TABOR Refund		-	-

* Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

This bill continues the regulation of dialysis treatment clinics and hemodialysis technicians in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) from September 1, 2019, to September 1, 2026, and deletes obsolete language.

Background

Dialysis performs the function of the kidneys and is the most common treatment for end-stage renal disease. Patients with end-stage renal disease must undergo dialysis for the rest of their lives unless they receive a kidney transplant. The CDPHE regulates dialysis clinics which, in turn, are required to ensure that all hemodialysis technicians they employ are credentialed by a national credentialing program and supervised by a licensed physician or licensed professional nurse. Colorado has 82 licensed dialysis centers with a total of 1,346 dialysis stations. Dialysis centers pay an initial license fee of \$5,140, and a renewal fee based on the size of the facility ranging from \$1,600 to \$3,435.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2019-20 budget request, the CDPHE is expected to have annual revenue of approximately \$200,000 and expenditures of \$131,000 to administer the regulation of dialysis treatment clinics and hemodialysis technicians. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2020-21. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2020, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2020-21 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 20, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Health and Environment