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**FISCAL NOTE**

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Snyder; Rich Sen. Bridges	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Public Health
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**Bill Topic:**                   **2-1-1 STATEWIDE HUMAN SERVICES REFERRAL SYSTEM**

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input 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

The bill requires the Department of Human Services to provide a \$200,000 annual grant to the Colorado 2-1-1 collaborative. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:**                   This bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$200,000 to the Department of Human Services.

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

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1197**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide a \$200,000 annual grant to the Colorado 2-1-1 collaborative. The bill specifies what human services referral services must be available through the Colorado 2-1-1 and how the collaborative can use the grant money. Finally, the bill requires the DHS to annually report to the General Assembly on the implementation and impacts of the human services referral service.

## Background

The Colorado 2-1-1 collaborative consists of eight organizations that support six centers that serve specific regions of the state. The collaborative employs trained information and referral specialists to assist individuals in finding answers about available community services. This includes assistance in paying rental and utility bills, food and clothing banks, mental health assistance, GED and English as second language classes, to name a few. According to their website, Colorado 2-1-1 has a database that holds information about more than 11,000 services across the state. Colorado 2-1-1 can be accessed by the phone, text, live chats, or through their website at <https://211colorado.communityos.org/cms/>.

## State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2020-21, state General Fund expenditures in the DHS will increase by \$200,000 to provide an annual grant to the Colorado 2-1-1 collaborative. In addition, workload in the DHS will increase to fulfil the reporting requirements in the bill. The fiscal note assumes that all data for the report will be provided by the Colorado 2-1-1 collaborative to the DHS; therefore, any increase in workload is expected to be minimal.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, this bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 to the Department of Human Services.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties      Human Services      Information Technology      Regulatory Agencies