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Revised Fiscal Note

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| Bill Topic: | HEALTH CARE SERVICES RESERVE CORPS TASK FORCE | | |
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| Summary of Fiscal Impact: | ☑ State Revenue☑ State Expenditure☐ State Transfer | ☐ TABOR Refund ☐ Local Government ☐ Statutory Public Entity | |
| | The bill creates the Health Care Services Reserve Corps Task Force. It potentially increases gifts, grants, and donations, and increases state expenditures beginning in FY 2021-22. | | |
| Appropriation Summary: | For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$108,984 to the Department o Public Health and Environment. | | |
| Fiscal Note Status: | This revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. | | |

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1005

| | | Budget Year FY 2021-22 | Out Year FY 2022-23 |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$108,984 | \$128,597 |
| | Centrally Appropriated | \$34,352 | \$42,965 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$143,336 | \$171,562 |
| | Total FTE | 1.6 FTE | 2.0 FTE |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| TABOR Refund | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Health Care Services Reserve Corps Task Force in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the creation of a Colorado Health Care Services Reserve Corps program. The purpose of the program is to cross-train medical professionals to serve during emergencies and disasters. The task force will include the executive director of the CDPHE who will appoint members from statewide organizations representing healthcare professionals, hospitals, the health insurance industry, local public health officials, and plaintiff's attorneys, as well as a member with experience managing a clinic. The task force will also explore offering a benefit for program participants. The task force is required to begin meeting by January 1, 2022, is authorized to contract with an outside consultant for assistance, and is required to consult with stakeholders. Task force members serve without compensation. The task force is required to submit its report to the legislature by December 1, 2023.

State Revenue

The bill potentially increases state revenue from gifts, grants, or donations to the CDPHE; however, no sources have been identified at this time. Gifts, grants, and donations are exempt from TABOR revenue limits.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state General Fund expenditures by \$143,336 and 1.6 FTE in FY 2021-22 and \$171,562 and 2.0 FTE in FY 2022-23 for the CDPHE Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response. These costs are summarized in Table 2 and discussed below.

Table 2 Expenditures Under HB 21-1005

| | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | | |
|---|------------|------------|--|--|
| Department of Public Health and Environment | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$94,424 | \$125,897 | | |
| Operating Expenses | \$2,160 | \$2,700 | | |
| Capital Outlay Costs | \$12,400 | - | | |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹ | \$34,352 | \$42,965 | | |
| FTE – Personal Services | 1.8 FTE | 2.0 FTE | | |
| Total Cost | \$143,336 | \$171,562 | | |
| Total FTE | 1.6 FTE | 2.0 FTE | | |

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Department of Public Health and Environment. Providing support for the task force increases expenditures by \$143,336 and 1.6 FTE in FY 2021-22 and \$171,562 and 2.0 FTE in FY 2022-23. CDPHE requires two term-limited positions, a policy advisor and a program assistant, to support the task force, including convening a meeting every two months, providing legal and policy guidance, and drafting the task force's report to the legislature. Personal services costs are prorated to reflect the General Fund pay date shift. Capital outlay costs associated with the additional staff are included for FY 2021-22. These positions are assumed to start September 1, 2021, and continue through at least June 30, 2023, to account for potential legislative action, hearings, or other follow-up.

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. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$34,352 in FY 2021-22 and \$42,965 in FY 2022-23.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$108,984 to the Department of Public Health and Environment, and 1.6 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

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