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# Revised Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Michaelson Jenet; Baisley Sen. Danielson	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House Appropriations
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**Bill Topic:**                    **DISABILITY SYMBOL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT**

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows individuals to request that a disability identifier symbol be added to their driver license and to voluntarily disclose a disability status on a vehicle registration. The Department of Revenue is required to annually report on the utilization of these services to the General Assembly. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$83,100 to the Department of Revenue.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Transportation and Local Government Committee.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1014**

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$83,100	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

This bill allows persons with disabilities to add a disability identifier to their driver license or identification card by disclosing such information to the Department of Revenue (DOR). The disability identifier must represent all types of disabilities, including cognitive disabilities, neurological diversities, mental health disorders, sensory needs, chronic illness, chronic pain, and physical disabilities. The design must conform to the current standards adopted by the Invisible Disabilities Association, Inc., or its successor organization. No documentation is required by persons requesting such an identifier. The DOR is not allowed to charge a fee for placement of a disability identifier symbol.

The bill also requires the DOR to collect information that the owner of a vehicle voluntarily discloses about the disability of a person who is either authorized to drive, or a regular passenger of, the registered vehicle. The department shall make this information immediately available to a peace officer who queries information about the registered vehicle.

The DOR is required to notify peace officers about the creation of the disability identifier symbol and the availability of information regarding the disability of a driver or passenger of a motor vehicle.

By January 15, 2023, and annually thereafter, the bill requires the DOR to report to the General Assembly on the percentage of individuals who requested a disability symbol on their driver license or identification card, as well as the percentage of individuals who disclosed disability information when registering a vehicle.

## Background

Colorado Driver License offices create accounts for driver license and identification card applicants in the Colorado Driver License, Record, Identification, and Vehicle Enterprise Solution (DRIVES) system. The DRIVES system currently does not link a driver record with a vehicle record, and vehicle records in the system only capture information and names for vehicle owners.

## State Expenditures

This bill increases General Fund expenditures in the DOR by \$83,100 in FY 2021-22. This includes one-time programming costs to allow DRIVES to capture and retain new information fields. Of this amount, it is estimated that \$53,100 will be paid to the DOR's vendor responsible for maintaining the DRIVES system and \$30,000 will be used by the Office of Information Technology on hardware and other services.

The bill also requires DOR to provide agent and peace officer training, and to annually report on the utilization of the new disability identification services to the General Assembly. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

## Local Government

Workload in county clerk and recorder offices will increase to provide training and education about the new identification requirements under the bill.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2022, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$83,100 to the Department of Revenue, of which \$30,000 is reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology. This appropriation should take effect no later than November 1, 2021, prior to the effective date of the other provisions in the bill, to ensure that the Department of Revenue can implement required IT system changes.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties  
Information Technology  
Public Safety

County Clerks  
Local Affairs  
Regulatory Agencies

Human Services  
Municipalities  
Revenue