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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Van Beber; Valdez D. Sen. Hisey; Fields	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** FOSTER PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<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 creates and clarifies rights for foster parents. Starting in FY 2022-23, the bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis and increases local expenditures in FY 2022-23 only.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill creates certain rights for foster parents, including the right to receive training and support, timely financial reimbursements, clear descriptions of expectations, certain records, reasonable notice for any changes to a foster child or youth's placement, certain notices about court proceedings, and access to the grievance process with appropriate licensing authorities. These rights do not apply to foster parents who jeopardize the safety of children or youths, or if criminal charges have been filed against them for child abuse, a sexual offense, or a felony.

The bill also clarifies that respondent parents may have access to any information or records provided to a foster parent, unless a court orders the information or records restricted.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Department of Human Services in FY 2022-23, and increases workload in the Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel in the Judicial Department on an ongoing basis. These impacts are described below.

**Department of Human Services.** Workload will increase for the department to update policies and training materials, and to share these with local departments of human or social services and other partners. These costs are absorbable within existing appropriations.

**Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel.** The bill increases workload by a minimal amount in the Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel (ORPC). The bill may increase litigation in the first few years, as certain areas of law are adjudicated in cases involving foster parents. The ORPC will also provide additional information, training, and consultations regarding the changes in the bill. No change in appropriations is required.

## Local Government

In FY 2022-23, workload will increase for local departments of human or social services to update their policies and training materials to reflect changes to foster parent rights as defined in the bill.

## Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 3, 2022, and it took effect on August 9, 2022.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties  
Information Technology

Human Services  
Judicial