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# Fiscal Note

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**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Winter **Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary  
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**Bill Topic:** CONTINUE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

**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 extends the repeal date of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board to 2027 and makes additional requirements of the board. This bill will increase state expenditures from FY 2022-23 through FY 2027-28.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$43,350 to the Department of Law.

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

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-100**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2022-23</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2023-24</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures<sup>1</sup></b>	General Fund	\$43,350	\$46,020
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>	General Fund Reserve	\$6,503	\$6,903

<sup>1</sup> The bill repeals the Colorado Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Cash Fund and reduces cash fund spending authority to the Department of Law by \$2,500 per year. Because the department reverts its spending authority each year, this decrease is not shown in Table 1, but is indicated in the State Appropriations section.

## Summary of Legislation

This bill extends the repeal date of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board from September 1, 2022, to September 1, 2027, pending a sunset review. The board is required to provide technical assistance and training to local governments; provide coordination between local governments and organizations to assist with domestic violence prevention and responses to fatalities; pursue and implement policy recommendations identified in the previous year; and make a recommendation in its 2022 annual report on how diversity, equity, and inclusion training could be provided for certain entities involved in domestic violence response. Finally, the bill repeals the board's cash fund.

## Background

Senate Bill 17-126 created the review board in the Department of Law (DOL). Since FY 2018-19, the DOL annually receives \$16,020 from the General Fund and \$2,500 in cash spending authority. Since the cash fund's revenue source is gifts, grants, and donations, which have not been received, the DOL has annually reverted the fund's spending authority.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Law by \$43,350 in FY 2022-23 and \$46,020 in FY 2023-24 from the General Fund, and may increase workload for board members in affected state agencies. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and impacts are detailed below.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under SB 22-100**

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
<b>Department of Law</b>		
Contractor Services	\$30,000	\$30,000
Continuation Costs	\$13,350	\$16,020
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$43,350</b>	<b>\$46,020</b>

**Department of Law.** The department has new costs to implement the bill's requirements to provide technical support to local governments, as well as board continuation costs, as discussed below.

- **Contractor services.** Starting in FY 2022-23, DOL requires \$30,000 annually for a contractor to provide technical support to existing and future domestic violence review boards established at the county level. This cost assumes 400 hours per year at a rate of \$75 per hour.
- **Continuation costs.** As discussed in the Background section, the department is appropriated \$16,020 annually for its work supporting the board, which would discontinue in FY 2022-23 without this bill. First-year costs are prorated for the board's September repeal date under current law.

**State agency board members.** The review board has members from the Judicial Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Any increase in members' workload requires no change in appropriations.

## **Other Budget Impacts**

**General Fund reserve.** Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$6,503 in FY 2022-23 and \$6,903 in FY 2023-24, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires the following appropriations to the Department of Law:

- an increase of \$43,350 from the General Fund; and
- a decrease in cash fund spending authority of \$2,500 from the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Cash Fund.

## **Effective Date**

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

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