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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Boesenecker; McCormick Sen. Jaquez Lewis	Bill Status:	Deemed Lost
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Bill Topic: ANALYZE STATEWIDE PUBLICLY FINANCED HEALTH-CARE

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 would have required the Colorado School of Public Health, with assistance from a task force, to create a report on model legislation for a universal single-payer health care system by October 1, 2024. The bill would have increased state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill would have required an appropriation of \$306,772 to multiple state agencies.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. The bill was deemed lost on Senate Second Reading on May 9, 2023; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1209**

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$306,772	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$46,016	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the University of Colorado to acquire model legislation developed by a nonprofit to enact a universal single-payer healthcare system. By October 1, 2024, the school must produce a report on the model legislation that:

- analyzes costs;
- identifies potential revenue sources to cover the costs;
- analyzes connections to federal law; and
- confirms that the legislation will have desired results.

The bill creates a task force under the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to assist the university in its report that will meet at least six times. The task force consists of representatives of the General Assembly, various state agencies, and members of various stakeholder groups. Non-legislative members of the task force serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

State Expenditures

In FY 2023-24 only, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the University of Colorado by \$277,560, in HCPF by \$24,492, and in the Legislative Department by \$4,720. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

**Table 2
 Expenditures Under HB 23-1209**

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
University of Colorado		
Analysis Costs	\$170,560	-
Data License	\$50,000	-
Indirect Costs	\$57,274	-
CU Subtotal	\$277,560	-
Department of Health Care Policy and Financing		
Meeting Facilitation Costs	\$17,700	-
Non-Legislative Member Reimbursement	\$6,792	-
HCPF Subtotal	\$24,492	-
Legislative Department		
Legislative Per Diems	\$4,720	-
Legislature Subtotal	\$4,720	-
Total	\$306,772	-

University of Colorado. The university requires funding for an estimated 1.4 FTE to analyze the model legislation and compile the report to the legislature. Expenditures include \$50,000 to license health care data.

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The fiscal note assumes that the task force will meet six times between August 1, 2023 and October 1, 2024. HCPF will cover meeting costs, including reimbursing task force members who incur actual and necessary expenses. Other meeting costs include hiring a meeting facilitator to organize discussions, a venue, and a catering company for a total of about \$3,000 per meeting.

Legislative Department. The four legislators on the task force are eligible for per diem compensation and travel reimbursement for meetings that occur outside of the legislative session. Assuming five of the six meetings will be held outside of session, the total cost to the General Assembly is about \$5,000.

Governor's Office. Workload will minimally increase for the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to make the required appointment under the bill. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires the following appropriations from the General Fund:

- \$277,560 to the Department of Higher Education for a fee-for-service contract with the governing board of the University of Colorado;
- \$24,492 to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; and
- \$4,720 to the General Assembly.

State and Local Government Contacts

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