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Revised Fiscal Note

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Sen. Will

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Bill Status: House Appropriations
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Bill Topic: **INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the University of Colorado's Natural Hazards Center to conduct a study on the implementation of emergency alerts in minority languages. The bill increases state and local expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary:

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of Higher Education for the University of Colorado.

Fiscal Note Status:

The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Committee on State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1237

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$50,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$7,500	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill instructs the University of Colorado’s Natural Hazards Center to conduct a study to assess which counties, municipalities, sheriff’s offices, fire districts, and local 911 agencies will need to implement emergency alerts in a minority language by July 1, 2024. This includes investigating what programming and staffing needs are required to provide live translation and interpretation of 911 calls. The division must consult with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety and submit its study report by November 1, 2023.

State Expenditures

Natural Hazards Center. The bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the Department of Higher Education by \$50,000 in FY 2023-24. The Department will direct funds to the University of Colorado’s Natural Hazards Center to conduct the study. The Center requires \$25,000 for four months of a full-time research associate and part-time graduate research assistant. It also requires \$10,000 for software and data collection expenses, and \$15,000 to cover administrative costs and a month of summer work for a principal investigator.

Department of Public Safety. Because the bill instructs the Natural Hazards Center to consult with the Office of Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety, the bill may result in a workload increase for the department. Any workload increase is expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Local Government

The bill increases workload in FY 2023-24 for any municipality, sheriff’s office, county office, fire district, or local 911 agency that collaborates with the study. This workload is expected to be minimal.

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 a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of Higher Education for use by the Governing Board of the University of Colorado.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology	Higher Education
Judicial	Local Affairs	Public Safety