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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **IMPROVE HEALTH-CARE ACCESS FOR OLDER COLORADANS**

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 creates the Colorado Multidisciplinary Health Care Provider Access Training Program at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to provide clinical training opportunities in geriatric medicine for graduate students. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$784,269 to the Department of Higher Education, for the University of Colorado.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 23-031

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$784,269	\$1,949,697
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$117,640	\$292,455

Summary of Legislation

Beginning in FY 2024-25, the bill creates the Colorado Multidisciplinary Health Care Provider Access Training Program (program) and Advisory Committee.

Colorado Multidisciplinary Health Care Provider Access Training Program. The program is created in the University of Colorado (CU) Anschutz Medical Campus to develop and implement training opportunities in geriatric medicine for two clinical graduate students in each of the following fields of study:

- advanced practice provider;
- dentistry;
- medicine;
- nursing;
- occupational therapy;
- osteopathic medicine;
- pharmacy;
- physical therapy;
- psychology;
- social work; and
- speech language pathology.

The bill encourages the program to provide annual training for students, faculty, and health care providers to review patient-centered geriatric approaches, technologies, and processes. Students who complete the program receive a certificate, and a letter authorizing the student to become a trainer in other parts of the state. The bill requires the Department of Higher Education to enter into a fee-for-service contract with CU to fund the program, and specifies data collection and reporting requirements.

Advisory Committee. The advisory committee is required to ensure training is consistent across departments, institutions of higher education, and health care communities; set standards for training; work with institutions of higher education to select students; build a network of geriatric clinicians; improve placement of students in clinical training; and coordinate with graduates to train future students. It consists of the program chair and representatives from programs for each field of study and must meet by July 1, 2023.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CU School of Medicine by \$784,269 in FY 2023-24, and by \$1.9 million in FY 2024-25, paid from the General Fund. Expenditures are detailed below and shown in Table 2.

CU School of Medicine. The CU School of Medicine requires staff and programmatic funding to support the program. Costs in FY 2023-24 are to develop and establish the program, with full implementation beginning in FY 2024-25.

- **Staff.** The CU School of Medicine requires funding for an estimated 3.3 FTE to train program participants, including 0.3 FTE for each of the fields of study. Staff is also required to provide administrative support, oversee training, support the committee, and evaluate the program. Staffing costs are prorated in FY 2023-24 based on assumed start dates, and include indirect costs.

- **Program costs.** Beginning in FY 2023-24, CU will require funding for curriculum development, specialty staffing, training, program evaluations, clinical site coordination, and website maintenance, as well as standard operating expenses.
- **Tuition coverage.** Beginning in FY 2024-25, tuition costs of \$606,320 are required to cover a portion of tuition for two clinical graduate students in each field of study.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 23-031

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
CU School of Medicine		
Personal Services	\$578,828	\$1,024,143
Program Costs	\$134,143	\$141,989
Tuition Coverage	-	\$606,320
Indirect Costs	\$71,297	\$177,245
Total Cost	\$784,269	\$1,949,697

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. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

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 \$784,269 to the Department of Higher Education for a fee-for-service contract with the governing board of the University of Colorado.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education