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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: EXTEND CARE SUBFUND DEADLINE FOR COVID-19 PROGRAMS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill extends deadlines for spending money from the Federal CARE Act subfund. The bill allows for the expenditure of federal funds through December 31, 2021.

Appropriation Summary: The bill includes all necessary appropriations of federal funds.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-178

Table with 4 columns: Category, Current Year FY 2020-21, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Federal Funds), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

This bill extends expenditure or appropriation deadlines for spending money from the Federal CARE Act subfund for various state agencies and departments. Affected programs include:

- eviction legal assistance in the Judicial Department;
- human services referrals in the Department of Human Services;
- low-income energy assistance in the Governor's Energy Office;
- immunizations and behavioral health services in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Department of Higher Education;
- the Safe2Tell program in the Department of Law; and
- local public health agencies in rural areas.

The bill also extends corresponding deadlines in state law related to the CARE Act subfund, the General Fund reserve, and transfers to the unemployment compensation fund.

State Expenditures

The bill allows the state to expend \$1,753,673 in federal funds from the CARE subfund in the current FY 2020-21 or FY 2021-22. For informational purposes, the fiscal note shows these funds as being spent in the current FY 202-21.

In FY 2019-20, the state received federal coronavirus relief funds for pandemic related expenses incurred prior to December 30, 2020. About \$70 million of those federal funds were deposited in the CARE subfund and allocated through state legislation. All of the agencies receiving funds were required by federal law to use the money on or before December 31, 2020. Subsequent federal legislation extended the expenditure deadline until December 31, 2021. The total amount of federal funds remaining unspent as of February 2021 is \$1,753,673.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and it took effect on May 13, 2021.

State Appropriations

The bill includes all necessary appropriations.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Health Care Policy and Financing
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