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## Research Note

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### Bill Number

House Bill 16-1168

### Sponsors

*Representatives Ginal &  
Danielson,  
Senator Scott*

### Short Title

*Sunset Rural Alcohol &  
Substance Abuse Treatment  
Program*

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill. The bill became effective on April 14, 2016.

### Summary

This bill continues the Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program through September 1, 2025. It is currently scheduled to repeal July 1, 2016.

### Background

The Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (program) was established by the legislature in 2009. The program, housed in the Office of Behavioral Health within the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), distributes funds to rural counties to mitigate alcohol and substance abuse among rural youths and provides funding for detoxification facilities in rural counties. Rural counties are defined as those with 30,000 residents or less.

### House Action

***House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee (February 23, 2016).*** At the hearing, representatives from the CDHS and Signal Behavioral Health Network testified in

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support of the bill. A representative from the Department of Regulatory Agencies responded to questions on the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

**House second reading (February 29, 2016).** The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**House third reading (March 1, 2016).** The House passed the bill on third reading, with no amendments.

## Senate Action

**Senate Health and Human Services Committee (March 9, 2016).** At the hearing, representatives from the CDHS and Signal Behavioral Health Network testified in support of the bill. A representative from the Department of Regulatory Agencies responded to questions on the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

**Senate second reading (March 14, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**Senate third reading (March 15, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

## Relevant Research

*2015 Sunset Review: Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program*, Department of Regulatory Agencies, <http://bit.ly/29QSEwK>