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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Pettersen; Wilson
Sen. Martinez Humenik

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BILL TOPIC: EXTEND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue <i>New revenue</i> General Fund	Potential increase. Gifts, grants, and donations.	
State Expenditures <i>Continuing expenditures</i> Federal Funds		\$155,000 155,000
FTE Position Change		1.5 FTE
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Continuation of current expenditures and potential revenue increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill continues the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (commission) in the Department of Human Services (DHS). The commission is scheduled for repeal on July 1, 2018, and this bill extends it through September 1, 2023. The bill makes several other changes including elimination of a cash fund for the commission, prohibiting the use of General Fund for paying for commission staff or expenses, and technical adjustments to how federal funds are allocated to the commission. It also allows the commission to seek and receive gifts, grants, and donations.

Background

The commission was initially formed by executive order in 2010, and was later codified into state law through Senate Bill 10-195. It was then extended and modified under House Bill 13-1117. The commission is currently funded using about \$155,000 in temporary federal Race to the Top funding allocated by the Governor and is supported by 1.5 FTE in the Office of Early Childhood in the DHS. This and other sources of federal funding are available to fund the commission through FY 2017-18. Under current law, the commission is scheduled to undergo a sunset review in 2017 by the Department of Regulatory Agencies prior to its current repeal date.

State Revenue

Under current law, the commission can only accept in-kind contributions. This bill removes this restriction and allows it to accept gifts, grants, and donations to cover the expenses of the commission, which potentially increases revenue to the DHS, which would be deposited into the General Fund. As of this writing, no specific source of gifts, grants, or donations has been identified. Gifts, grants, and donations are TABOR-exempt.

State Expenditures

By continuing the commission, the bill increases federal fund expenditures in the DHS by \$155,000 per year and 1.5 FTE beginning in FY 2018-19. These costs represent a continuation of current expenditures, albeit from a different federal funding source given that the current federal funding source is scheduled to end. The fiscal note assumes that commission expenses will be paid using federal Child Care Development Funds appropriated to the DHS starting in FY 2018-19. Costs in the DHS include staff support for the commission, meeting expenses, development of reports and material, and other commission expenses. In addition, state agencies that have staff appointed to serve on the commission will experience a minimal increase in workload beginning in FY 2018-19 from continuing the commission.

Local Government Impact

Local governments who have staff appointed to serve on the commission will experience an increase in workload beginning in FY 2018-19 following continuation of the commission. It is assumed that local government staff will only accept an appointment if it can be accomplished within available resources.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 5, 2017, and became effective on August 9, 2017.

Technical Note

Under current law, the commission is listed as expiring on September 1, 2018, in the section of statute governing the commission, and on July 1, 2018, in the section of statute listing the repeal schedule of advisory committees. The fiscal note assumes the commission will cease its work on July 1, 2018, under current law.

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