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Bill Topic: SUNSET NURSE-PHYSICIAN ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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

Sunset bill. HB 20-1209 continues the Nurse-Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado Health Care in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2020. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current expenditures. The program is continued indefinitely.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires an appropriation of \$15,554 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies beginning in FY 2020-21.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB-1209*

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures, TABOR Refund) and Continuing Program Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures for Cash Funds and FTE, TABOR Refund).

* Table 1 shows the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues indefinitely the Nurse-Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado Health Care (NPATCH) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2020.

Background

The statutory purpose of NPATCH is to promote public safety and improve health care in Colorado by supporting collaboration and communication between the practices of nursing and medicine. NPATCH consists of 12 members, including:

- one member of the state board of nursing;
- one member of the Colorado medical board;
- three members recommended by and representing a statewide professional nursing organization;
- three members recommended by and representing a statewide physicians organization;
- one member representing the nursing community;
- one member representing the physician community; and
- two members representing consumers.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's current FY 2019-20 budget, the Department of Regulatory Agencies is expected to have expenditures of \$15,554 to administer the NPATCH program in FY 2020-21. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2020-21. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2020, and state expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2020-21 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$15,554 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies