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HB 20-1209

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number: LLS 20-0528
Prime Sponsors: Rep. Cutter; Mullica
 Sen. Ginal
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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **SUNSET NURSE-PHYSICIAN ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" 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

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, through September 1, 2027. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$15,554 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB-1209***

New Impacts		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-
Continuing Program Impacts		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		\$15,554	\$15,554
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$15,554	\$15,554
	FTE	0.2 FTE	0.2 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 extends the Nurse-Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado Health Care (NPATCH) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) until September 1, 2027. NPATCH is currently scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2020.

Additionally, the bill specifies that the three members recommended by a statewide physicians organization must be licensed physicians, and that the recommending physicians organization must represent multi-specialty physicians whose membership includes at least one-third of the doctors of medicine and osteopathy licensed in the state.

Background

The statutory purpose of the NPATCH is to promote public safety and improve health care in Colorado by supporting collaboration and communication between the practices of nursing and medicine. The NPATCH is funded 50 percent by the Medical Board and 50 percent by the Board of Nursing and 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 revenue and expenditures of \$15,554 to administer the NPATCH program in FY 2020-21. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and 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 revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2020-21 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$15,554 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies from the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund and 0.2 FTE.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 30, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies