

FISCAL NOTE

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UNIFORM COLLABORATIVE LAW ACT **Bill Topic:**

Summary of Fiscal Impact: □ Local Government □ State Transfer □ Statutory Public Entity

> The bill authorizes a collaborative law process that allows disputes to be resolved without intervention by a court or tribunal. The bill minimally impacts state revenue

and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by Colorado

Commission on Uniform State Laws.

Summary of Legislation

The bill enacts the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. The uniform law authorizes the collaborative law process, a form of alternative dispute resolution that allows disputes to be resolved without the intervention of the courts or a tribunal. The bill includes provisions related to collaborative law participation agreements and clarifies when information is considered confidential.

State Revenue and Expenditures

To the extent that more individuals file claims related to violations or noncompliance of agreements, revenue and workload for the trial courts in the Judicial Department may increase. Workload may decrease for the Department of Law if disputes are resolved outside of court. The fiscal note assumes that there will be minimal or very limited case filings under the bill and no change in appropriations is required. Civil case filing fees are subject to TABOR.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect January 1, 2021, if no referendum petition is filed.

HB 20-1291

State and Local Government Contacts

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