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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: POLICIES & PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY DOMESTIC ABUSE

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

The bill creates a task force to update the definition of domestic abuse in relation to child abuse and neglect. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2021-22, this bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$22,500 to the Department of Human Services.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1099

| | | Budget Year FY 2021-22 | Out Year FY 2022-23 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$22,500 | \$30,000 |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| TABOR Refund | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to create a domestic abuse task force. The task force must develop a definition of domestic abuse for state statute that reflects its impact on the emotional and developmental well-being of a child. DHS must report recommendations of the task force to the General Assembly by December 2022. On or before July 1, 2023, DHS must promulgate rules based on recommendations from the Domestic Violence Program and Child Welfare Workgroup to implement assessment policies, procedures, and training for child welfare caseworkers to recognize, respond, and assess child abuse or neglect related to domestic abuse.

State Expenditures

This bill increases General Fund expenditures in DHS by \$22,500 in FY 2021-22 and \$30,000 in FY 2022-23 to create a domestic abuse task force. Costs include hiring a facilitator to manage the development of work products, coordinate meetings and record recommendations. These costs are prorated to reflect enactment of the legislation on October 1, 2021. In addition, DHS will promulgate rules, update instruments and processes, train staff, and monitor the impact of this legislation over time. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on May 24, 2021, and takes effect on September 7, 2021, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$22,500 to the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Judicial

Human Services
Law

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