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# Fiscal Note

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**Bill Topic:** LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIMITED GAMING IMPACT FUND

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill changes some criteria used to allocate funds from the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). It minimally increases state workload and may affect gaming impact allocations to local governments on an ongoing basis.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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

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## Summary of Legislation

The Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund (the fund) provides financial assistance to eligible local governments for gaming impacts, and awards grants to provide gambling addiction counseling, prevention, and education. This bill refines the definition of “documented gaming impacts” to include documented *negative* gaming impacts that harm, damage, hurt, interfere, or undermine a local government. In addition, the bill requires that grants from the fund be prioritized for eligible local governments with lower property values compared to the property values of all eligible local governments.

Lastly, the bill also allows grants from the gambling addiction account of the fund to be used for to train staff at nonprofit community mental health centers or clinics administered by the Department of Human Services.

## State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the Office of Behavioral Health in the Department of Human Services (DHS) starting in FY 2021-22, as described below.

**Department of Local Affairs.** DOLA will have increased workload to apply additional criteria to gaming impact grant decisions. This fiscal note assumes that DOLA is not required to make estimates of property wealth for municipalities or special districts independent from overall county wealth. The DOLA will compare the property tax wealth of counties when prioritizing a local government with lower property wealth compared to other local governments. This additional work does not require any change in appropriations.

**Department of Human Services.** The bill prioritizes training in specific facilities for funding under the Gambling Addiction Grant Program in the DHS. The DHS will be required to update rules and inform clients and providers about allocations for training and direct addiction counseling services. No change in appropriations is required.

## Local Government

The bill potentially changes future allocations to local governments from the Limited Gaming Impact Fund. Local governments in counties with lower property values will be prioritized for funding decisions. Since the timing of applications for grants and the nature and frequency of negative gaming impacts is not known, no estimate of this changed allocation can be made.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Human Services	Law
Local Affairs	Municipalities	Revenue
Special Districts		