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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Moreno **Bill Status:** Senate HHS
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Bill Topic: **CONTINUATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENT PROGRAM**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input 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

This bill indefinitely continues the Necessary Document Program, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2021. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2021-22, this bill requires an appropriation of \$250,000 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-018

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$250,000	\$300,000
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Necessary Document Program in the Office of Health Equity in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) indefinitely. The program is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2021.

Background

The Necessary Document Program helps Colorado residents who are victims of domestic violence, impacted by a natural disaster, low-income, disabled, homeless, or elderly pay the fees to acquire a necessary document. Necessary documents are defined as social security cards, driver's licenses, identification cards, or a vital statistics report (such as a birth, death, or marriage certificate). The Office of Health Equity contracts with a nonprofit organization or collection of non-profit organizations to implement the program. The program funds approximately 10,500 documents per year.

State Expenditures

Continuing the Necessary Document Program will increase General Fund costs by \$300,000 and 0.1 FTE per year in the Office of Health Equity in the CDPHE. For FY 2021-22, program costs are prorated to \$250,000 in expenditures to reflect ten months of continued operations after the statutory repeal date of September 1, 2021. Of the total annual program costs, about \$285,000 is paid to the contractor who operates the program and \$15,000 is used for the direct and indirect costs of supporting the program and contract oversight.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and 0.1 FTE. However, funding for the Necessary Document Program has been requested by the CDPHE through its FY 2021-22 budget request. If funding is included in the FY 2021-22 Long Bill for this program, appropriations should not be included in this bill.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Human Services	Information Technology
Law	Local Affairs	Public Health and Environment
Revenue		