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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: SUNSET CONTINUE COUNCIL HIGHER ED REPRESENTATIVES

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

Sunset Bill. SB 21-100 continues the Council of Higher Education Representatives in the Department of Higher Education, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2021. State fiscal impacts include only the continuation of the program's current expenditures. The program is continued indefinitely.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB21-100^1

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures, TABOR Refund) and Continuing Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures, TABOR Refund).

1 Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and 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 continues the Council of Higher Education Representatives indefinitely. It is currently scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2021.

## **Background**

The council was created in 2001 to streamline transferability between public institutions of higher education and make related recommendations to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE). Responsibilities include developing guaranteed transfer pathways, statewide degree transfer agreements, and standards related to work-based learning and credit for industry credentials and professional licenses. The council typically meets monthly and is made up of representatives from the four-year institutions of higher education, the community college system, and CCHE. Council members do not receive per diem or travel expenses.

## **Continuing Program Impacts**

By continuing the council, this bill increases state expenditures by up to \$6,000 per year starting in FY 2021-22. There are no council expenses expected in the current FY 2020-21; however, in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, the Department of Higher Education had expenditures of \$6,053 to administer in-person council activities. These expenses are anticipated for FY 2021-22. Institutions of higher education also incur workload to serve on the council.

In addition, DHE is receiving about \$70,000 in private gifts, grants, and donations to support the council's work on a statewide plan for awarding credit for work-based learning and industry credentials, as required by HB 20-1002.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect September 1, 2021.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Higher Education