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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: CULTURALLY RELEVANT TRAINING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

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

The bill appropriates \$1.0 million for grants to provide culturally responsive training to health care professionals in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. It increases state expenditures in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-34 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1267

Table with 4 columns: Category, Fund, Budget Year FY 2022-23, and Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Office of Health Equity (OHE) in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to create a grant program by January 1, 2023, to provide culturally responsive training to health care professionals. The OHE must contract with a third-party administrator that will issue grant applications for nonprofit entities that wish to develop the training, and submit a list of qualified applicants to the Health Equity Commission (commission). The commission will then select nonprofit entities to receive the grant funds.

The OHE will provide information about the training and the grant program to each regulatory board in the Division of Professions and Occupations (DPO) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The DPO is required to provide information about the training to health care professionals at the time of issuance or renewal of a license, certificate, or registration.

The General Assembly is required to appropriate \$1.0 million to the CDPHE in FY 2022-23 for the administration of the grant program. Any unexpended funding may be used by the CDPHE in subsequent fiscal years without further appropriation for the grant program.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CDPHE by \$1.0 million over FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 from the General Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 22-1204

Cost Components	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Public Health and Environment		
Third-party Administrator	\$75,000	-
Grant Awards	-	\$885,000
Process and Outcomes Evaluator	-	\$40,000
Total	\$75,000	\$925,000

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. In FY 2022-23, the CDPHE will contract with a third-party administrator to manage the grant program. The fiscal note assumes that the CDPHE will utilize the remaining funds in FY 2023-24 to provide grant awards to the selected nonprofit entities and to contract with a process and outcomes evaluator to evaluate the efficacy of the training. To the extent that the funds allocated for grant awards and the process and outcomes evaluation are not expended in their entirety during FY 2023-24, these funds will be utilized for the same purpose in future fiscal years.

Department of Regulatory Agencies. Workload in the DPO will increase to notify health care professionals of the training upon issuance or renewal of the professional's license, certificate, or registration. No change in appropriations is required.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$150,000 in FY 2022-23, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

In FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment from the General Fund. Any unexpended funding may be spent in subsequent fiscal years without further appropriation.

State and Local Government Contacts

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