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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT HEALTH-CARE WORKFORCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill includes appropriations of ARPA funds to multiple programs supporting the education, training, recruitment and retention of health-care workers. State expenditures continue through FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires appropriations totaling \$61.0 million to multiple state agencies.

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

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-226**

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$61.0 million	-
	Total Expenditures	\$61.0 million	-
Transfers¹	Cash Funds	(\$2.0 million)	
	Cash Funds	\$2.0 million	
	Net Transfer	\$0	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

¹The transfer is made via an appropriation between cash funds.

Summary of Legislation

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires appropriations totaling \$61 million for programs supporting the education, training, recruitment and retention of health-care workers. All appropriations are from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund, which contains federal ARPA funds. Any money from these appropriations that remain after FY 2022-23 may be spent in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 without further appropriations.

Health Care Workforce Resilience and Retention Program. The Health Care Workforce Resilience and Retention Program is created in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to use existing initiatives to support the health care workforce and meet the health care needs of Coloradans. The program may provide technical assistance and grants to community partners to develop programs, services, and best practices, and for planning, research, and evaluation related to resilience and retention of health care workers. The bill creates the Health Care Workforce Resilience and Retention Cash Fund and requires an appropriation of \$2.0 million to the fund. The fund is continuously appropriated to the CDPHE.

Practice-Based Health Education Grant Program. The Practice-Based Health Education Grant Program is created in the Primary Care Office in the CDPHE to increase clinical, practice-based training opportunities for students enrolled in a health care profession degree or license program. The bill requires an appropriation of \$20.0 million to the CDPHE to implement the grant program.

School Nurse Grant Program. The bill removes current limits on the amount of grants and the length of grant awards made from this existing School Nurse Grant Program, and requires an appropriation of \$3.0 million to the CDPHE for the program.

Reengagement initiative. The bill requires an appropriation of \$10.0 million to the CDPHE for recruitment and re-engagement of health care workers with current or expired licenses and staffing.

In-Demand Short-Term Health Care Credentials Program. The bill requires that the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education in the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) administer a program to support the expansion and availability of in-demand health care professionals. The state board must allocate money to community colleges, area technical colleges, district colleges and community nonprofits that deliver programming and student financial supports in partnership with accredited universities. For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$26.0 million dollars for allocation by the CCCS, of which \$25,000 may be used to market the program, and one percent may be used for administration. The program is repealed September 1, 2027.

Other requirements. The bill requires that CDPHE work with the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) and the Government Data Advisory Board to determine data-sharing agreements that integrate state data in order to analyze demand, allocate resources, and evaluate the performance of state-administered and financed health care workforce initiatives. The bill also expands the scope of recommendations required to be made by the Nurse-Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado Healthcare (NPATCH).

State Transfers

The bill transfers \$2.0 million from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to the Health-Care Workforce Resilience and Retention Cash Fund. The transfer occurs through an appropriation between cash funds.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures by \$35.0 million in the CDPHE and by \$26.0 million in the CCCS in FY 2022-23. Funding shown in FY 2022-23 may be spent over three fiscal years, and originates from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund. Total appropriations are displayed in Table 2 with additional detail for the CDPHE displayed in Table 3.

**Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-226**

	FY 2022-23
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	
Health Care Workforce Resilience and Retention Program	\$2,000,000
Practice-Based Health Education Grant Program	\$20,000,000
School Nurse Grant Program	\$3,000,000
Epidemic and communicable diseases	\$10,000,000
Colorado Community College System	
In-Demand Short Term Health Care Credentials Program	\$26,000,000
Total Cost	\$61,000,000

**Table 3
Expenditures Under SB 22-226**

Cost Components	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Public Health and Environment		
Personal Services	\$960,713	\$960,713
Standard Operating Expenses	\$19,575	\$19,575
Capital Outlay Costs	\$93,000	-
Software and Licensing	\$375,000	-
Health Care Support Programs ¹	\$32,571,424	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs ²	\$231,417	\$231,417
FTE – Personal Services	14.5 FTE	14.5 FTE
Total	\$34,251,129	\$1,211,705

¹ARPA funds for health care support programs shown in FY 2022-23 may be spent through FY 2024-25.

²Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

The bill also increases workload for other state agencies, including the Department of Regulatory Agencies and Office of Information Technology by a minimal amount. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect May 18, 2022.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill includes the following appropriations from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund:

- \$2.0 million to the Health Care Workforce Resilience and Retention Cash Fund, which is continuously appropriated to CDPHE;
- \$33.0 million to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; and
- \$26.0 million to the Colorado Community College System.

State and Local Government Contacts

Governor	Higher Education	Information Technology
Public Health	Regulatory Agencies	