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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Exum

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Bill Topic: UPDATE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN HUMAN SERVICES

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <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 modifies procedures for human services functions in multiple agencies. It minimally impacts state and local expenditures beginning in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes a number of changes to the administration of human services at the state and county levels.

Board member reimbursement. The bill clarifies that board or commission members may be reimbursed for certain meeting expenses incurred while serving on certain boards and commissions in the human services field.

Community boards repealed. Current law establishes a community board in each region of the Division of Youth Services in the Department of Human Services (CDHS). CDHS staff may not join any such board, but are required to attend board meetings and provide quarterly updates. The bill repeals these community boards.

Child welfare grievances. Current law establishes county citizen review panels to address grievances against counties regarding child welfare. The bill repeals the panels and reassigns grievance review responsibilities to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman. It also specifies notice requirements for final decisions by counties and requires counties to post information about the grievance process on their websites.

Grant program oversight. The existing Law Enforcement Community Services Grant Program in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is advised by a 17-member committee. Under the bill, if not all of the appointments are filled, the department may determine the number of members of the committee in FY 2023-24, as long as there are no fewer than nine members.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally impacts state expenditures in CDHS, the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman, DOLA, and the Department of Public Health and Environment beginning in FY 2023-24.

Department of Human Services. Repealing the community boards and citizen review panels decreases workload for department staff that provide support to those entities. Clarifying board or commission member compensation may increase expenditures. In either case, the impact on expenditures is minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Office of Child Protection Ombudsman. Workload will increase for the office to manage the child welfare grievance review process. The fiscal note assumes the office is already involved in this work, and no change in appropriations is required.

Department of Local Affairs. Allowing DOLA to limit committee membership may provide a workload offset for the department. No change in appropriations is required.

Department of Public Health and Environment. Clarifying board or commission member compensation may increase expenditures; however, any impact is anticipated to be minimal.

Local Government

The bill minimally increases workload for counties to update their websites with changes to the grievance process.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Child Protection Ombudsman
Local Affairs

Counties
Public Health and Environment

Human Services