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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Zenzinger; Kirkmeyer Rep. Sirota; Bockenfeld	Bill Status:	Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic:	CO COMMON POLICIES POSTGRADUATE STUDENT EXCH PROGRAM
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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

Budget package bill. The bill modifies state law regarding higher education professional student exchange programs. The bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2023-24 budget package.
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Summary of Legislation

If the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) enters into professional student exchange programs, the bill requires that the CCHE establish policies to maximize the benefit of this program to Colorado residents. These policies may include, but are not limited to, ensuring that optometry students provide services to Coloradans enrolled in Medicaid and incentivizing optometry graduates to serve in areas that have poor access to optometry services.

The bill also modifies state law regarding the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange Program to align with how the program currently operates. These exchange programs provide full or partial tuition waivers for Colorado students who enroll in out-of-state programs that are not available in the state or offer professional training in a high need subject area, and who agree to a post-education service commitment in Colorado.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for the CCHE to adopt policies that maximize the benefits of student exchange programs. This workload can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

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

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