



# Legislative Council Staff

## Research Note

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### Bill Number

**Senate Bill 16-094**

### Sponsors

**Senator Crowder**  
**Representative Vigil**

### Short Title

**District Public Health Agency**  
**Costs By County**

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on August 10, 2016.

### Summary

The bill increase flexibility for multi-county public health districts with a combined population of 4,000 or fewer residents by allowing them, with the consent of all counties in the district, to:

- select the county whose treasurer will serve as the treasurer for the district; and
- apportion costs among the counties based on an agreement between the counties, rather than strictly by population.

### Background

Each county in Colorado is required to establish and maintain a county public health agency. County public health agencies are charged with preventing disease and injury, promoting healthy behavior, and reducing the incidents of chronic diseases and conditions. Any two or more contiguous counties may join together to create a public health district to serve the counties within the district. Under current law, the treasurer of the largest county in a multi-county public health district must serve as treasurer for the district and agency costs must be apportioned based on county population.

### Senate Action

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**Senate Health and Human Services Committee (February 11, 2016).** At the hearing representatives of Hinsdale County and Mineral County testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

**Senate second reading (February 17, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**Senate third reading (February 18, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

## **House Action**

**House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee (March 8, 2016).** During the hearing, representatives from Hinsdale County, Mineral County, and Colorado Association of Local Public Health Organizations testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

**House second reading (March 14, 2016).** The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

**House third reading (March 15, 2016).** The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.