



**FINAL**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

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Rep. Riesberg**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely**Fiscal Analyst:** Amy Larsen (303-866-3488)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING MAKING CERTAIN DUTIES RELATED TO THE INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT PROCESS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSERS SOLELY THE AUTHORITY OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN.

### **Summary of Legislation**

SB09-007 preempts the implementation of advanced practice nurses certifying or conducting examinations for involuntary commitment of persons who abuse alcohol or drugs. Only licensed physicians have this authority.

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Judiciary Committee on March 2, 2009.

### **Background**

Last year, the General Assembly passed HB08-1061 which granted advanced practice nurses the authority to sign or accept certain medical documents. The Governor signed the bill into law on March 20, 2008, and provisions go into effect on July 1, 2009. SB09-007 would prevent advanced practice nurses from certifying or conducting examinations for the involuntary commitment of persons who abuse alcohol or drugs as authorized by HB08-1061, but other portions of HB 08-1061 would go into effect on July 1, 2009.

### **Assessment**

This bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. The bill essentially continues current practice for advanced practice nurses, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Regulatory Agencies. No additional funding is required for any state or local agency.

### **Departments Contacted**

Human Services  
Judicial

Regulatory Agencies  
Health Care Policy and Financing