



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A DEATH CERTIFICATE INDICATE WHETHER THE DECEDENT WAS PREGNANT WITHIN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRECEDING DEATH.

### **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires medical professionals responsible for issuing a medical certification after a death to include information concerning whether or not the decedent was pregnant at the time of death, or in the 12 months prior to death. Pregnancy-related information is only to be included if the medical professional has access to the decedent's medical history. If available, the information is required to be reported on the death certificate.

### **Assessment**

The requirement to add the pregnancy-related information to medical certifications of death and death certificates will require the Department of Public Health and Environment to update the death certificate form. The updating of the death certificate template will be handled in the normal course of business and, therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

The fiscal note assumes that only known pregnancies will be reported and that persons responsible for providing the pregnancy-related information are not required to perform a test to determine whether or not a woman was pregnant at the time of death.

### **Departments Contacted**

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