

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s):	Rep. Duran	Bill Status:	House Health and Environment
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TITLE: CONCERNING CHILD CARE LICENSURE WAIVERS FOR MATERIALS RELATED TO A CHILD CARE CENTER'S CURRICULUM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014			
State Revenue					
State Expenditures Cash Funds Child Care Licensing Cash Fund	See State Expenditures section.				
FTE Position Change					
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.					
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.					
Local Government Impact: None.					

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows child care centers regulated by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to apply for waivers to use certain materials in conjunction with their curricula. Child care centers are required to adopt policies concerning parental notification about the potential safety risks of those materials and the training of staff in the use of the materials. The DHS is required to promulgate rules for the waiver process. The bill allows child care centers to appeal waiver denials and sets forth other requirements on the DHS concerning inspections, time frames for appeals, and publishing negative licensing actions concerning the waivers created by the bill.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload and costs in the DHS by a minimal amount. The DHS will be required to develop a waiver application, promulgate rules, review waiver applications, and complete other tasks. However, this analysis assumes that existing staff can accomplish these duties and that no new appropriation is required. Further, oversight of child care centers with waivers can be incorporated into the existing licensing inspection process.

Departments Contacted

Human Services Law Counties