


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Summers Sen. Boyd; Roberts	Bill Status: House Health and Environment Fiscal Analyst: Clare Pramuk (303-866-2677)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE DATA FROM HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Division of Registrations Cash Fund	\$36,745	\$4,777
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Division of Registrations Cash Fund	\$36,745	\$4,777
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: July 1, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to collect health care workforce data from certain health care professionals when receiving their initial or renewal license applications beginning on or before July 1, 2013. Professionals affected include: dentists, dental hygienists, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, psychologists, social workers, marriage and family counselors, licensed professional counselors, and addiction counselors. Required data elements include practice location, practice setting, and specific information about the health care professional. The data collected are not required to be validated and there is no penalty for noncompliance. DORA is authorized to accept and expend gifts, grants, or donations to implement the data collection system.

The Director of the Primary Care Office in the Department of Public Health and Environment is required to designate a voluntary advisory group to recommend the structure of the data elements to be collected. The group is to be convened by a nonprofit, statewide membership organization that provides programs and services to enhance rural health care in Colorado. The data are to be made available to the Primary Care Office and in limited form, to the public.

The bill is repealed effective September 1, 2022, after a sunset review.

State Revenue

This bill will increase cash funds revenue by \$36,745 in FY 2012-13, and \$4,777 in FY 2013-14. The fiscal note shows the bill funded from fees credited to the Division of Registrations Cash Fund but alternately the bill could be funded through gifts, grants or donations. No such source of funding has been identified at this time.

Fee Impact on Health Care Providers. Section 2-2-322, C.R.S., requires legislative service agency review of measures which create or increase any fee collected by a state agency. The actual fee will be set by DORA to cover the cost of regulating each group of professionals. Because the bill applies to over 120,000 licensees, individual fees will increase less than \$1.00 per professional per year.

State Expenditures

This bill requires an increase in expenditures of \$36,745 in FY 2012-13 and \$4,777 in FY 2013-14 from the Division of Registrations Cash Fund. The majority of expenditures are for the 480 hours of programming required in FY 2012-13 to modify the professional registration system to collect and compile the information required under the bill. An annual cost of \$3,552 for system maintenance is expected beginning in FY 2013-14. Printing and postage costs of \$1,225 are required each year for manual renewals and printed informational materials to communicate the bill requirements to the affected professionals. Detailed expenditures are shown in Table 1.

Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Computer Programming	\$35,520	\$3,552
Printing and postage	1,225	1,225
TOTAL	\$36,745	\$4,777

State Appropriations

The DORA requires an appropriation of \$36,745 from the Division of Registrations Cash Fund for FY 2012-13. Of this amount, the Office of Information Technology requires a reappropriation of \$35,520.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies

Public Health and Environment