

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEARING IN NEWBORN INFANTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES TO CONTINUE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE INDEFINITELY.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2013-2014 | FY 2014-2015 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | See State Expenditures section. | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Effective Date: July 1, 2013. | | |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required. | | |
| Local Government Impact: None. | | |

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Advisory Committee on Hearing in Newborn Infants (committee) is scheduled to repeal July 1, 2013. As recommended in the sunset review performed by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), this bill continues the committee indefinitely by repealing the provisions that subject the committee to periodic sunset review.

Background

The Advisory Committee on Hearing in Newborn Infants was established in 1997 for purposes of collecting data and making recommendations to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE), hospitals, other health facilities, and the public concerning infant hearing screening, audiologic assessment, and early intervention.

The committee is comprised of no fewer than 7 members who are appointed by the executive director of the DPHE, all of whom must have training, experience, or interest in the area of hearing conditions in children. Records show that an average of 16 members attend meetings. Members serve without compensation.

The committee has adopted benchmarks to monitor hospital newborn hearing screening programs and to offer assistance when programs fall below the statutorily-recommended levels of screenings and referrals.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2013-14, the bill increases costs in the DPHE by a minimal amount. Committee members serve without compensation, but the DPHE provides approximately 20 hours of staff assistance at the Health Professional IV level each year to prepare and conduct the quarterly meetings. Continuation of the committee will not require new appropriations.

Departments Contacted

Public Health and Environment