

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note



STATE FISCAL IMPACT

Drafting Number: LLS 15-0503**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Melton**Date:** January 21, 2015**Bill Status:** House Public Health Care and
Human Services**Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)**BILL TOPIC:** TIME LIMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase and decrease.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires that any disciplinary proceeding against a mental health professional be commenced within five years of an alleged act or failure to act. This bill applies to disciplinary matters concerning prohibited practices and professional misconduct by regulated mental health professionals, including psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, addiction counselors, and psychotherapists.

State Expenditures

The bill may both increase and decrease workload in the Division of Professions and Occupations (division) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA); however, any net change is assumed to be minimal and no adjustments in appropriations are required.

Limitations on disciplinary proceedings. The bill may reduce workload in DORA by limiting the ability of the division to commence disciplinary proceedings in some cases. However, it is assumed that most cases are brought within five years after an alleged incident, so any potential decrease in workload will be minimal.

Outreach and rulemaking. The division may have a small amount of work to update rules and inform regulated mental health professionals about the changes in the bill. This increase in workload is minimal and can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015, and applies to disciplinary proceedings commenced on or after this date.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies
Human Services

Corrections
Counties