

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 15-1094  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Singer  
 Sen. Aguilar

**Date:** April 24, 2015  
**Bill Status:** House Public Health Care and  
 Human Services  
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**BILL TOPIC:** PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CERTIFICATE

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>	<b>up to \$1,500</b>	<b>up to \$1,500</b>
Cash Funds	up to \$1,500	up to \$1,500
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload increase.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>TABOR Set Aside</b>	up to \$1,500	up to \$1,500
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

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

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows a speech-language pathologist to obtain a provisional certification prior to the completion of a clinical fellowship. To obtain the provisional certification, the applicant must have first completed the educational requirements and passed a national competency examination. A holder of a provisional certification must practice under the supervision of a fully certified speech-language pathologist. Provisional certification expires after 24 months or upon issuance of full certification, whichever comes first. A provisional license cannot be renewed.

**State Revenue**

The bill increase revenue to the Department of Regulatory Agencies by up to **\$1,500 per year beginning in FY 2015-16**, deposited in the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund. Given the minimal costs to implement the bill, it is assumed that a nominal fee up to \$20 will be charged to applicants seeking provisional certification. It is projected that about 75 applicants per year will seek provisional speech-language pathologist certification.

**TABOR Impact**

This bill increases state revenue from fees, which will increase the amount required to be refunded under TABOR. TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies by a minimal amount to establish the provisional certification of speech-language pathologists. Staff time will be required to set program rules, procedures, and forms, as well as to respond to public complaints related to provisionally certified speech-language pathologists. Given that the new provisional certification represents a relatively small change to the existing certification program, it is expected to have a minimal impact on agency workload. Thus, no change in appropriations is required.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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