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HB16-1168

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Ginal; Danielson
Sen. Scott

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Bill Status: House Public Health Care and
Human Services
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BILL TOPIC: SUNSET RURAL ALCOHOL & SUB ABUSE TREATMENT PROG

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	
This bill continues a program that would otherwise end July 1, 2016, so the fiscal note shows the fiscal impact of continuing the program.	New	New	Continuation
State Revenue		\$151,243	
Cash Fund			151,243
State Expenditures		\$151,243	
Cash Fund			151,243
TABOR Impact			\$151,243
FTE Position Change			0.2 FTE
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Program costs continue through September 1, 2025.			

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program through September 1, 2025. It is currently scheduled to repeal July 1, 2016.

Background

The Rural Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (program) was created by House Bill 09-1119. The program, established in the Office of Behavioral Health within the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), distributes funds to rural counties to mitigate alcohol and substance abuse among rural youths and provides funding for detoxification facilities in rural counties.

The program is funded by surcharges on convictions of driving under the influence, driving while ability impaired, alcohol or drug offenses, and underage drinking and driving. The funds are split equally between the Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Cash Fund and the Detoxification Cash Fund.

Youth substance abuse. Youth substance abuse funds are distributed by the CDHS through a request for proposals process. In FY 2014-15, funds were distributed to the following six rural counties: Archuleta, Chaffee, Del Norte, Hinsdale, Gunnison, and Routt.

Rural detoxification project. Funds assist in paying for the two required staff members for every 10 beds at rural detoxification centers. In FY 2014-15, the following eight facilities received funding:

- Arapahoe House;
- Axis Health Systems;
- Colorado West Regional Medical Health Center;
- Crossroads' Turning Points;
- Denver Health;
- El Paso County Sheriff's Office;
- North Range Behavioral Health; and
- Region Six Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Fiscal Impact of Programs Set to Expire

This bill continues a program in the Office of Behavioral Health in the CDHS that is set to repeal effective July 1, 2016. Under current law, state agencies may be appropriated funds to wind up the affairs of an expiring program for 12 months following the repeal date. To account for the wind-up period, the impact of extending the program beyond the current repeal date is shown as beginning in FY 2017-18, one year after the repeal date. There is no need for an appropriation of the program's \$151,243 base funding and 0.2 FTE in FY 2016-17, since the program's authorization has not yet expired, and funding for the program is included in the department's base budget request for FY 2016-17. The state revenue and state expenditures impact of \$151,243 and 0.2 FTE for FY 2017-18 reflects the continuation of the program's current cash fund revenue and expenditures.

Local Government Impact

By extending the program, participating counties will have continued expenditures and workload to operate youth alcohol and substance abuse prevention programs or to receive funding for detoxification facilities beginning in FY 2017-18.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Health Care Policy Financing	Human Services	Sheriffs
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