

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note


**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**
Drafting Number: LLS 14-0014**Date:** August 11, 2014**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Saine
Sen. Lundberg**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely**Fiscal Analyst:** Lauren Schreier (303-866-3523)**SHORT TITLE:** ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TREAT CHILDREN

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload change.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, complementary and alternative health care practitioners and registered naturopathic doctors (alternative care providers) are prohibited from treating children under 2 years of age. Alternative care providers who treat children over 2 years of age but less than 8 years of age must obtain parental consent and make specific disclosures. The bill permits alternative healthcare providers to treat children less than 2 years of age if they make the disclosures currently required for children under 8 years of age.

State Expenditures

The bill may modify workload in the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the Judicial Branch by a minimal amount.

Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The repeal of current restrictions may increase complaints to DORA from consumers as more children are potentially treated by alternative care providers. DORA may also need to promulgate additional rules pertaining to the practice of alternative care providers. This workload is anticipated to be minimal and does not require new appropriations.

Judicial Branch. The bill removes alternative care practice limitations on children from consumer protection laws. The bill reduces the workload of the courts by the minimal number of cases that may have occurred under current law.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee on April 3, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies

Law

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