# Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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BILL TOPIC: RESPITE CARE STUDY TASK FORCE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$16,000	
General Fund	\$16,000	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: \$16,000 - Department of Human Services (FY 2015-16)		

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

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the Respite Care Task Force (task force) within the Department of Human Services (DHS). The majority and minority leadership of the Colorado General Assembly must appoint fifteen members by July 1, 2015 and the task force must meet by July 15, 2015. Task force members will serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Under the bill, the DHS will provide staff support to the task force. The task force must study the dynamics of the supply and demand of respite care services in Colorado, including, but not limited to:

- access to respite care services;
- the types of services that are most in demand and the services that are currently available;
- the number of respite caregivers in the state and their locations;
- strategies to increase the number of respite caregivers in the state;
- · the funding of respite care services; and
- other respite care issues as deemed appropriate.

The task force may also consider policies that require coordination among state agencies in the licensing and payment for respite care services. By January 31, 2016, the task force must submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly. The task force repeals on July 1, 2016.

<sup>\*\*</sup> These costs are not included in the bill's appropriation. See the State Expenditures section for more information.

### **State Expenditures**

**Staff support and research.** In FY 2015-16 the bill increases costs for the DHS by \$16,000. The fiscal note estimates that this work will require approximately 580 hours of time and be performed by contract staff. The bill requires the DHS to provide staffing and administrative support to the task force. The contract staff will also be responsible for coordinating meetings, preparing materials, and researching respite care trends, policies, and best practices. The contract staff will also assist the task force in drafting, editing, and finalizing their report to the General Assembly.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 29, 2015.

#### **State Appropriations**

The bill requires a general fund appropriation of \$16,000 to the Department of Human Services.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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