

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. McCann; Kraft-Tharp **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
 Sen. Newell **Fiscal Analyst:** Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING CIVIL COMMITMENT STATUTES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE CIVIL COMMITMENT STATUTE REVIEW TASK FORCE, REDEFINING CERTAIN TERMS RELATED TO CIVIL COMMITMENT, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b> Reappropriated Funds	\$5,000	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed into law by the Governor took effect on May 16, 2013, except that Section 2 only takes effect on July 1, 2014, if the Revisor of Statutes is notified by November 1, 2013, of action taken by the task force approving this section.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> See State Appropriations section.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the Civil Commitment Statute Review Committee in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to meet during the 2013 legislative interim. The task force is required to study and prepare recommendations concerning the consolidation of mental health, alcohol, and substance abuse disorder statutes concerning civil commitments. The bill also establishes new definitions of "gravely disabled" and "danger to self or others," which take effect only after the task force reviews the latter definition. A majority of task force members must vote to approve the definition, and if approved, a letter must be sent by November 1, 2013, informing the Revisor of Statutes of the approval in order for the definitions to take effect.

The bill specifies the membership on the 30-person task force, of which 26 members are appointed by the executive director of the DHS. The other 4 members are legislators appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. Members serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses, except that legislators are provided reimbursement and per diem as specified in state law, up to a total of \$5,000. The task force is required to submit a report of its recommendations to the executive director of the DHS and relevant legislative committees. The task force must hold its first meeting no later than July 15, 2013, and submit its report by November 1, 2013.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases costs by \$5,000 in the Legislative Department, paid for with funds reappropriated from the Department of Human Services. These costs are for reimbursement of 4 legislators for attendance at task force meetings. Based on the number of legislators on the committee and reimbursement and per diem for similar committees (typically \$198 per legislator per meeting), it is expected that the full \$5,000 allotted for legislator reimbursement in the bill will be used.

Workload in the DHS will also increase for existing staff to serve on the committee and provide logistical support. It is assumed that this work can be accomplished within existing appropriations and no additional funding or staff are required.

**State Appropriations**

The bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Legislative Department. These funds are reappropriated from existing General Fund appropriations to the Department of Human Services.

**Departments Contacted**

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