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**HB17-1196**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0899  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Arndt  
Sen. Priola

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**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**BILL TOPIC:** CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR BARBERS COSMETOLOGISTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill clarifies that the number of credit hours and corresponding contact hours required to be licensed as a barber or cosmetologist are not to exceed 50 credits, or 1,500 contact hours. The 50 credits are defined by either institutional accreditation requirements; the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's full-time equivalent clock-to-credit hour requirements; or the Department of Education's accreditation requirements. The Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies must promulgate rules to implement these requirements.

**Background**

As of January 2017, approximately 57,000 individuals are licensed under the Barber and Cosmetologist Act. In order to qualify for a license, applicants are required to submit proof of graduation from an approved school, pass a written practical examination, and pay a fee. The Division of Private Occupational Schools (DPOS) in the Department of Higher Education oversees barber and cosmetology schools.

**State Expenditures**

In FY 2017-18 only, the bill increases workload in the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Regulatory Agencies. These workload increases can be accomplished within the existing appropriations of each agency.

***Department of Higher Education.*** DPOS will be required to review the updated course syllabi, curriculum, catalogs, enrollment agreements, and bonds for the 168 barber and cosmetology schools it oversees. The Colorado Community College System, area technical schools, and DPOS will also experience a workload increase to update materials related to barber and cosmetology licensing requirements.

***Department of Regulatory Agencies.*** Workload will increase in the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies to perform one-time rulemaking and update forms.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 13, 2017, and takes effect August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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