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**FISCAL NOTE**

<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 19-0359	<b>Date:</b> March 6, 2019
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b> Sen. Pettersen	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate Judiciary
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**Bill Topic:** SUNSET COLD CASE TASK FORCE

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

**Sunset bill.** SB 19-163 continues the Cold Case Task Force in the Department of Public Safety, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2019. State fiscal impacts under the bill include the continuation of the program's current expenditures and workload. The program is continued until September 1, 2032.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB-163**

New Impacts		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-
Continuing Program Impacts		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	-	\$84,476
	FTE	-	1.0 FTE
TABOR Refund		-	-

\* Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

## **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the Cold Case Task Force repeals September 1, 2019. This bill continues the task force until September 1, 2032.

## **Background**

Current law defines a cold case as a homicide investigation that is open for more than three years from the date of the crime. Currently in Colorado, there are more than 1,700 cold cases. The Cold Case Task Force in the Department of Public Safety was created in 2007 to review and make recommendations on cold case investigation and strategy best practices. The task force must meet at least 4 times per year and consists of 16 members including Department of Public Safety, Department of Law, sheriff, police, district attorney, victims advocacy, victim's family, and forensic pathologist members.

## **Continuing State Impacts**

Based on the department's FY 2019-20 budget request, the Department of Public Safety is expected to have expenditures of \$84,476 for the Cold Case Task Force. This includes \$82,176 for 1.0 FTE that provides administrative support to the task force and \$2,300 for task force member expense reimbursements. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2020-21. Workload for members of the task force representing the departments of Public Safety and Law also continues. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2019, and expenditures and workload will decrease starting in FY 2020-21.

## **Continuing Local Government Impacts**

Workload will continue for local task force members, including sheriff, police, and district attorney representatives to serve on the task force. This workload is assumed to be minimal.

## **Effective Date**

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

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Law                      Public Safety                      Sheriffs