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HB 20-1410

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number:	LLS 20-1302	Date:	August 31, 2020
Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Gonzales-Gutierrez; Exum Sen. Gonzales; Zenzinger	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **COVID-19-RELATED HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill directs \$20 million of funds received from the federal CARES Act to provide assistance to individuals whose housing is impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill increase state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: In FY 2020-21, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$350,000 to the Judicial Department. The remainder of the costs under the bill will be paid from a continuously appropriated cash fund.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects in enacted bill.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1410**

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue	General Fund	-	-
	Cash Funds	-	-
	Total	-	-
Expenditures	Housing Development Grant Fund	\$19,650,000	-
	Eviction Legal Defense Fund	\$350,000	-
	Total	\$20,000,000	-
Transfers	General Fund*	(\$20,000,000)	-
	Cash Funds	\$20,000,000	-
		\$0	
TABOR Refund		-	-

*Funds are transferred from the CARE subaccount of the General Fund.

Summary of Legislation

The bill transfers \$20 million from the CARE subaccount of the General Fund to two cash funds to assist qualified individuals whose housing is impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020. Funds in the CARE subaccount of the General Fund were received pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act.

The bill transfers \$19,650,000 to the Housing Development Grant Fund in the Division of Housing in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The division may use this money to provide rental assistance, residential mortgage assistance, and guidance on how access additional housing services to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill specifies the priorities the division should use in providing assistance, and requires the money be used by December 30, 2020. It also establishes circumstances and restrictions under which landlords may apply for assistance on behalf of tenants.

The bill also transfers \$350,000 to the Eviction Legal Defense Fund in the Judicial Department to provide legal representation for indigent tenants who are facing civil legal matters related to eviction. This money may be used for legal matters arising beginning March 1, 2020 and must be expended by December 30, 2020.

The executive director of DOLA must report to the General Assembly regarding how the funds were used during the department's annual State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent (SMART) Government Act hearing.

State Transfers

The bill requires a transfer of \$19,650,000 from the General Fund to the Housing Development Grant Fund in FY 2020-21 for use by the Division of Housing.

The bill also requires a transfer of \$350,000 from the General Fund to the Eviction Legal Defense Fund, in FY 2020-21 for use by the State Court Administrator's Office.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state cash fund expenditures in DOLA and the Judicial Department by the amounts transferred in FY 2020-21 only.

Workload will also increase in the Department of Law to support contracting or rulemaking associated with the distribution of these funds.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 22, 2020.

State Appropriations

Money in the Housing Development Grant Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Local Affairs. For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$350,000 from the Eviction Legal Defense Fund to the Judicial Department.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial

Law

Local Affairs

Treasury