Summary of Legislation

Currently, both federal and state law require that individuals verify lawful presence to receive certain government benefits. This bill removes the requirement to verify lawful presence for public or assisted housing benefits.

State Expenditures

The Division of Housing in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) administers state-funded programs that are only available to households where every member is lawfully present. These include housing vouchers, down payment assistance grants or loans, single family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation loans, and affordable housing units. This bill increases the number of individuals who may participate in these programs, increasing demand on annual appropriations. The bill minimally reduces workload for the department to process applicants.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.
The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: [leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes](http://leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes).