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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Exum; Caraveo **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **APPROP TO DHS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE NUTRITION PROG**

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

The bill makes an appropriation to the Colorado Employment First program to secure a matching federal grant. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$3.0 million to the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 21-1270

		Current Year FY 2020-21	Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-	-
Expenditures¹	General Fund	\$3,000,000	-	-
	Federal Funds	\$3,000,000	-	-
	Total Expenditures	\$6,000,000	-	-
Transfers		-	-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-	-

¹ For informational purposes, expenditures are shown in FY 2020-21. Funds may be spent through FY 2021-22.

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Employment First Program, housed in the Department of Human Services (DHS), provides employment, education and training services to families receiving assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill appropriates \$3.0 million to DHS for the Colorado Employment First Program, which will allow the department to secure a matching federal grant. The funding will be used by county departments and a third-party partner to provide employment support and job retention services, and to support work-based learning opportunities for Colorado Employment First participants. Up to 10 percent of funding may be used by counties for administrative costs. The appropriation to the DHS may be used in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in the DHS by a total of \$6.0 million, including \$3.0 million General Fund and \$3.0 million federal funds, across FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. Funding will be distributed by the SNAP Employment and Training program to counties across the state to provide employment services for SNAP participants.

Local Government

In FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, 20 county departments of human services and a third-party provider in one additional county are estimated to receive additional state and federal funding to provide employment services to SNAP recipients. The amount of funding that each county receives will vary by location, and the exact disbursement of funding has not been estimated for this fiscal note.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 17, 2021.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,000,000 to the Office of Self Sufficiency in the Department of Human Services. This appropriation may be spent through FY 2021-22.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Health Care Policy and Financing
Human Services	Information Technology
Labor	Local Affairs