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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: LICENSE REGIS FEE RELIEF FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFLS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
[X] State Revenue [X] TABOR Refund
[] State Expenditure [] Local Government
[X] State Transfer [] Statutory Public Entity

The bill transfers \$3.7 million from the General Fund to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund to cover the cost of various boards that regulate mental health professionals and reduce licensing fees. The bill transfers General Fund money in FY 2022-23 and reduces revenue in FY 2023-24.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1299

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, and Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue (Cash Funds, Total Revenue), Expenditures, Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts (TABOR Refund).

Summary of Legislation

The bill transfers \$3,698,586 from the General Fund to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) on July 1, 2022. The funds must be used to cover the cost of the state boards of psychologist examiners, social work examiners, marriage and family therapist examiners, professional counselor examiners, unlicensed psychotherapists, and addiction counselor examiners, beginning with the FY 2022-23 fiscal year until fully expended.

State Transfers

On July 1, 2022, the bill transfers \$3,698,586 from the General Fund to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund.

State Revenue

In FY 2023-24 only, state revenue to the Division of Professions and Occupations Cash Fund will decrease by \$3.7 million from reducing fees. The various professionals impacted by the bill renew their licenses once every two years on September 1 of every odd year. Based on the amount of General Fund transferred, DORA will reduce the fees for new, renewal, provisional, and inactive licenses during these professions' upcoming two-year registration period, which begins September 1, 2023. Currently, license fees for the professions regulated by the boards above range from \$62 to \$262 depending on the type of license.

Other Budget Impacts

TABOR refunds. The bill is expected to decrease the amount of state revenue required to be refunded to taxpayers by the amounts shown in the State Revenue section above. This estimate assumes the March 2022 LCS revenue forecast. A forecast of state revenue subject to TABOR is not available beyond FY 2023-24. Because TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund, decreased cash fund revenue will increase the amount of General Fund available to spend or save.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies