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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. McCormick; Boesenecker Sen. Marchman; Jaquez Lewis	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Deemed Lost
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### Bill Topic: ANALYSIS OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH-CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM

<b>Summary of Fiscal Impact:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have required the Colorado School of Public Health, with assistance from a task force, to create a report on model legislation for a universal single-payer health care system. The bill would have increased state expenditures through FY 2025-26.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2024-25, the bill would have required appropriations of \$241,182 to multiple state agencies. This amount does not include HCPF costs which had already been appropriated.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This final fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill. The bill was deemed lost in the Senate on May 9, 2024; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1075**

		<b>Budget Year FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2025-26</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$241,182	\$115,367
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>	General Fund Reserve	\$36,117	\$17,305

## Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the School of Public Health at the University of Colorado (CU) to acquire model legislation developed by a nonprofit to enact a universal single-payer healthcare system. By December 31, 2025, the school must produce a report on the model legislation that:

- analyzes costs;
- identifies potential revenue sources to cover the costs;
- analyzes connections to federal law;
- evaluated the feasibility of other models; and
- confirms that the legislation will have desired results.

CU may use an actuarial consultant and the newly created task force to help produce the report.

The bill creates a task force under the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to assist the university in its report that will meet at least four times. The task force consists of representatives of the General Assembly, various state agencies, and members of various stakeholder groups. Non-legislative members of the task force serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases state General Fund expenditures in multiple state agencies, including: at CU by about \$241,000 in FY 2024-25 and \$115,000 in FY 2025-26 and in the Legislative Department by about \$488 in FY 2024-25 only. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under HB 24-1075**

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
<b>School of Public Health, University of Colorado</b>		
Researcher Compensation	\$164,762	\$82,381
Research Assistant Compensation	\$65,973	\$32,986
Actuarial Analysis Contract	\$10,000	-
<b>CU Subtotal</b>	<b>\$240,735</b>	<b>\$115,367</b>
<b>Legislative Department</b>		
Legislator Reimbursement	\$488	-
<b>Legislative Department Subtotal</b>	<b>\$488</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$291,223</b>	<b>\$115,367</b>

**University of Colorado.** CU will produce the report by December 31, 2025. Costs include:

- **Researcher compensation.** Researchers at the university will analyze the legislation and produce the report between July 2024 and December 2025. It is assumed that the equivalent of 0.9 FTE will work the entire time, though that work is expected to be spread across 5 distinct employees. Costs are based off of those employees' current salaries.
- **Research assistant compensation.** One research assistant will work almost full time between July 2024 and December 2025.
- **Actuarial analysis contract.** The university will contract with an actuary at \$400 per hour for 25 hours.
- **Grant funding.** CU is expected to seek a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from HCPF to access their database.

**Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing.** Workload will increase in HCPF to facilitate the meetings. Since the meetings are virtual, no appropriation is required. Funding for the aforementioned grant program has already been appropriated.

**Legislative Department.** The four legislators on the task force are eligible for per diem compensation for meetings that occur outside of the legislative session. This note assumes that both meetings will be held outside of session in FY 2024-25.

**Governor's Office and other state agencies.** Workload will minimally increase for the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to make the required appointment under the bill. Other state agencies that serve on the task force will have a minimal workload increase. No change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

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

## State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes the following General Fund appropriations:

- \$240,735 to the Department of Higher Education for use by the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado; and
- \$488 to the Legislative Department.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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