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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: LICENSED LEGAL PARAPROFESSIONALS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill amends statute to reflect the current regulation of licensed legal paraprofessionals authorized by Colorado Supreme Court rules. Starting in FY 2024-25, the bill minimally increases state and local workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill codifies the regulation of licensed legal paraprofessionals (LLPs) authorized by Colorado Supreme Court rules. Generally, LLPs are allowed to represent clients in specific civil matters, must abide by the same professional conduct standards as attorneys, and are entitled to the same fee recovery procedures as attorneys.

Background

The Colorado Supreme Court adopted a rule change effective July 1, 2023, that allowed for the practice and regulation of LLPs. More information about LLP regulation can be found [here](#). Currently, the fee is set at \$190 per year for the first three years of practice, and \$325 per year thereafter

State Expenditures

Workload for the Judicial Department will increase to implement certain provisions of the bill, including maintaining a registry of LLPs and allowing LLPs to file certain motions in the trial courts. This increase is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Similar to the state, the bill may minimally increase workload for Denver County Court, which is funded locally, to handle motions filed by LLPs.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

District Attorneys

Judicial

Law

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 the [General Assembly website](#).