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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: TRANSFERS TO THE NURSE HOME VISITOR PROGRAM FUND

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

Budget package bill. The bill increases the portion of tobacco master settlement agreement funds that are annually transferred to the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund. The bill makes a transfer and increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill includes an appropriation of \$1,734,924 to the Department of Early Childhood.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2024-25 budget package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1388

Table with 4 columns: Category, Description, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund, Total Expenditures), Transfers (Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund, Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund, Net Transfer), and Other Budget Impacts.

Summary of Legislation

The bill increases the percent of money transferred from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund to the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund in the Department of Early Childhood from 26.7 percent to 28.7 percent. This increase represents funds that have been unallocated since the Colorado Autism Treatment Fund was repealed.

Background

Autism Treatment Fund. The fund was created under the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to cover costs of services provided to eligible children. The Autism Treatment Fund was repealed by Senate Bill 23-289 with the costs of covered autism services instead paid from the General Fund. The fund received an annual transfer of 2 percent of the tobacco settlement revenue prior to its repeal. House Bill 24-1208 discontinued the transfer.

Tobacco revenue. Colorado receives annual payments from tobacco manufacturers as part of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. The funds are distributed based on a formula in statute.

State Transfers

The bill transfers 2 percent of the tobacco master settlement revenue, approximately \$1.8 million, from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund to the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund in the Department of Early Childhood. This annual transfer continues as long as the state receives money pursuant to the master settlement agreement.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Early Childhood by \$1.8 million, paid from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Cash Fund. The Division of Community and Family Support will use this money for the current nurse home visitor program.

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 includes an appropriation of \$1,734,924 from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund to the Department of Early Childhood.

State and Local Government Contacts

Early Childhood Health Care Policy and Financing Public Health and Environment
Treasury

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](#).