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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Herod Sen. Buckner	Bill Status:	House Judiciary
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Bill Topic: BIRTH EQUITY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<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 places requirements concerning labor and delivery and postpartum nourishment on healthcare and detention facilities. The bill increases state workload on a one-time basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill removes exceptions to the prohibition on state and local detention facilities restraining pregnant inmates in the time around labor and delivery and extends the prohibition through postpartum recovery. The bill also requires detention facilities and CDHS facilities to create a system to deliver milk pumped by the parent in their custody to their newborns.

The bill requires health care facilities to develop a process for receiving patients during or after labor from non-health care facilities that allows them to collect relevant information, including from family members, doulas, or a health-care provider.

State Expenditures

Workload will minimally increase in the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Department of Human Services (CDHS) to promulgate rules around the new requirements for pregnant or postpartum parents in their custody. Because the number of pregnant people in custody is small, implementation workload is expected to be minimal.

Workload will minimally increase for the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to promulgate rules around the new requirements for hospitals. The fiscal note assumes that hospitals will comply with the rules and no enforcement action will be necessary.

Effective Date

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

Departmental Difference

The Department of Human Services estimates that the bill will require \$17,680 from the General Fund to stock eight Division of Youth Services (DYS) facilities with the necessary equipment to pump and store breast milk. The fiscal note assumes that the existing equipment can be shared or new equipment can be purchased as the need arises and within existing resources.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections

Human Services

Judicial

Public Health and Environment

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