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**HB16-1177**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 16-0436 **Date:** July 21, 2016  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Buckner; Pettersen **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
 Sen. Hill **Fiscal Analyst:** Anna Gerstle (303-866-4375)

**BILL TOPIC:** SUNSET COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures Section.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Minimal workload increase in FY 2020-21.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill continues the Council of Higher Education Representatives (council) for five years, until September 1, 2021, and requires a sunset review be conducted by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) prior to the council's repeal. It is currently scheduled to repeal July 1, 2016.

**Background**

The council was created in 2001 to facilitate the transfer of student educational credit among state-supported institutions of higher education. The council meets monthly and is made up of 21 representatives, including one person from each of the four-year institutions of higher education, three from the community college system, and one from the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE). Council members do not receive per diem or travel expenses.

The council's duties include creating a statewide matrix of general education course numbering, reviewing the list of general education courses, and making recommendations to CCHE on necessary changes. The council provides oversight of the statewide articulation matrix system of course numbering and addresses issues that arise related to the transfer of student credit hours.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases workload for DORA in FY 2020-21 to conduct a sunset review of the council. This increase is minimal and does not require a change in appropriations.

Continuing the activities of the council is not expected to create any new expenses for the institutions of higher education, or for the CCHE, as members are not compensated for their work, paid a per diem, or reimbursed for travel.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 6, 2016.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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