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## Research Note

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### Bill Number

House Bill 16-1290

### Sponsors

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Senators Kerr & Hill*

### Short Title

*Extend Transitional Jobs  
Program*

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on August 10, 2016.

### Summary

This bill extends the Transitional Jobs Program, known as ReHire Colorado, administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) through June 30, 2019, except that DHS shall offer no new transitional jobs after December 31, 2018. The program is currently scheduled to repeal June 30, 2017, with no new transitional jobs offered after December 31, 2016.

### Background

The ReHire Colorado program was created under House Bill 13-1004 to provide unemployed and underemployed adults an opportunity to learn and practice successful workplace behaviors that help them obtain long-term unsubsidized employment.

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## House Action

**House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (March 15, 2016).** At the hearing, representatives from Belmont Senior Care, Catholic Charities, United Veterans Committee, Bell Policy Center, and DHS testified in support of the bill. Representatives from the University of Colorado testified regarding their role in evaluating the program. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Appropriations Committee.

**House Appropriations Committee (April 15, 2016).** The committee adopted amendment J.001, which added an appropriation clause, and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

**House second reading (April 15, 2016).** The House adopted the House Appropriation Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

**House third reading (April 18, 2016).** The House passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.

## Senate Action

**Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee (April 27, 2016).** At the hearing, representatives from the United Veterans Committee, DHS, University of Colorado, ReHire Colorado, and Bell Policy Center testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Senate Appropriations Committee (May 5, 2016).** The committee adopted amendment L.002, which decreases the amount of time the program is extended by three years, and referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**Senate second reading (May 5, 2016).** The Senate adopted the Senate Appropriations Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

**Senate third reading (May 6, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on third reading.