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Bill Topic: SUNSET CONTINUE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AND COMMISSION

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (continuation), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

Sunset bill. This bill continues the state's Civil Rights Division and Civil Rights Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, which are scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2018. State fiscal impacts under the bill include only the continuation of the program's current expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2027.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under HB-1256*

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), Continuing Program Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures by General Fund and Federal Funds, TOTAL, TOTAL FTE).

* Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill, and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. Because the bill continues a program without making any changes, there are no new impacts. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Colorado Civil Rights Division and the Colorado Civil Rights Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) through September 1, 2027. The programs are scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2018.

Background

The Colorado Civil Rights Division in DORA enforces Colorado's anti-discrimination laws in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations, and provides training to groups and individuals throughout Colorado. The division receives funding through the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. Its formal cooperative agreements with these federal agencies avoid duplication of efforts on cases where joint jurisdiction exists.

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission is a seven-member board that develops policy and conducts hearings regarding illegal discriminatory practices. Board members may receive per diem and reimbursement costs for their work on the board, which typically costs less than \$5,000 per year.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2018-19 budget request, the Department of Regulatory Agencies is expected to have expenditures of \$2,139,332 and 27.2 FTE to administer the Civil Rights Division and Commission. If this bill is enacted, current expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2019-20. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on July 1, 2019, following a wind-down period, and state expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2019-20 by the amounts shown in Table 1.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

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