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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: CIRCLE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROG

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

This bill would have established the Circle Program in statute. It would have increased state workload by a minimal amount in FY 2017-18 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes the existing Circle Program, an intensive 90-day treatment program for patients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, in statute within the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Background

The Circle Program serves up to 20 individuals at a time and until recently was located on the campus of the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo (CMHIP). For FY 2017-18, the program has an appropriation of approximately \$2.2 million primarily made up of Marijuana Tax Cash Fund dollars. Due to staffing shortages at the CMHIP, the Circle Program was temporarily closed and its direct care staff were reassigned to other CMHIP units. DHS found other treatment options for existing patients and going forward will be contracting with managed service organizations to provide community-based services under the Circle Program rather than inpatient services at the CMHIP. The appropriation for the program will be adjusted to account for the new service structure.

State Expenditures

The DHS will have a minimal increase in workload in the current fiscal year, FY 2017-18, to update their program materials and website to reflect the new statutory citation. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations. Establishing the program in statute will not affect the existing funding or expenditures for the Circle Program.

Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 7, 2018.

State and Local Government Contacts

Human Services

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