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HB 20-1291

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number:	LLS 20-0842	Date:	July 20, 2020
Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Tipper Sen. Gardner	Bill Status:	Postponed Indefinitely
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Bill Topic: **UNIFORM COLLABORATIVE LAW ACT**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have authorized a collaborative law process that allows disputes to be resolved without intervention by a court or tribunal. The bill would have minimally impacted state revenue and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation was required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

The bill enacts the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. The uniform law authorizes the collaborative law process, a form of alternative dispute resolution that allows disputes to be resolved without the intervention of the courts or a tribunal. The bill includes provisions related to collaborative law participation agreements and clarifies when information is considered confidential.

State Revenue and Expenditures

To the extent that more individuals file claims related to violations or noncompliance of agreements, revenue and workload for the trial courts in the Judicial Department may increase. Workload may decrease for the Department of Law if disputes are resolved outside of court. The fiscal note assumes that there will be minimal or very limited case filings under the bill and no change in appropriations is required. Civil case filing fees are subject to TABOR.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 26, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

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