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**Revised Fiscal Note**

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b> Sen. Rodriguez; Hansen	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate Appropriations
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**Bill Topic: CDLE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION ENTERPRISE**

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input 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 requires the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment to study the feasibility of administering a wage replacement program for individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are ineligible for regular unemployment benefits due to their immigration status. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2021-22.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$75,000 to the Department of Labor and Employment.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-233**

		<b>Budget Year</b>	<b>Out Year</b>
		<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$75,000	-
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment to study the feasibility of establishing a contract with a nonprofit, third-party entity to administer a wage replacement program for individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are ineligible for regular unemployment benefits due to their immigration status. The feasibility study must include potential sources of money to fund a wage replacement program, legal compliance with the U.S. Department of Labor's regular unemployment insurance programs, data sharing and data privacy, and input from relevant stakeholders. The CDLE is required to submit study recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2021.

## State Expenditures

The bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the CDLE by \$75,000 in FY 2021-22. It is assumed the CDLE will hire a contractor or temporary staff to assist with the study over a four-month period. This cost is based on the costs of similar studies, and is roughly equivalent to the personal services and operating costs for 0.7 FTE of regular staff.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, except that Section 1 takes effect only if House Bill 21-1150 does not become law and Section 2 takes effect only if House Bill 21-1150 becomes law and takes effect either upon the effective date of this act or House Bill 21-1150, whichever is later.

**Technical note:** HB 21-1150 includes a petition clause so will not be effective in time for the Office of New Americans to fully participate in the study prior to the October 1, 2021, submission date.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Counties  
Law  
Treasury

Information Technology  
Municipalities

Labor  
Personnel