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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: ESTABLISH SUBSTANCE USE COUNSELING CENTER COLO SPRINGS

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 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs to establish the CARE Center by December 1, 2022, to provide accessible substance use prevention and treatment services to the community, train counselors, and collect research data. It will increase state expenditures on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$146,432 to the Department of Higher Education.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1158

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	-	-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$146,432	\$133,632	\$133,632	\$542,328
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$21,965	\$20,045	\$20,045	\$81,349

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs to establish the CARE Center by December 1, 2022, to provide accessible substance use prevention and treatment services to the community, train competent and culturally responsive substance use counselors, and collect data that will contribute to research regarding the efficacy of substance use interventions. The center is required to submit a report on its work and data collected to the General Assembly by December 30, 2027.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state General Fund expenditures for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in the Department of Higher Education beginning in FY 2022-23 by the amounts shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 22-1158

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 and ongoing
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Department of Higher Education				
Personnel Costs	\$129,932	\$129,932	\$129,932	\$519,728
Operating Costs	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$14,800
Other Expenses	\$12,800	\$0	\$0	\$7,800
Total Cost	\$146,432	\$133,632	\$133,632	\$542,328

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The CARE Center will have the following costs.

- **Personnel costs.** Annual staffing costs include fringe benefits calculated at UCCS' federally negotiated rate of 30.7 percent for faculty and 38.5 percent for university staff, and include: a full-time program director at a cost of \$81,715; one summer month per year for two associate directors at a cost of \$38,917; a graduate assistant at a cost of \$6,300; and faculty payments for clinical supervision of counselors-in-training at \$6,000 per year.

Operating costs. Operating costs include a \$2,500 annual software fee for electronic health records access and a telehealth platform, and \$1,200 for assessments and office supplies.

Other expenses. In FY 2022-23, the center requires \$5,000 in one-time furnishings costs. Beginning in FY 2025-26, the center requires \$7,800 in operating expenses related to computer equipment and maintenance.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$146,432 to the Department of Higher Education to be distributed to the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

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