



Legislative Council Staff

Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

Final Fiscal Note

Drafting Number: LLS 22-0751 Date: August 9, 2022
Prime Sponsors: Sen. Winter; Gardner Bill Status: Signed into Law
Rep. Duran; Esgar Fiscal Analyst: Anna Gerstle | 303-866-4375
anna.gerstle@state.co.us

Bill Topic: CONTINUE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD

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

The bill extends the repeal date of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board to 2027 and makes additional requirements of the board. This bill will increase state expenditures from FY 2022-23 through FY 2027-28.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$43,350 to the Department of Law.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-100

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2022-23, and Out Year FY 2023-24. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

1 The bill repeals the Colorado Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Cash Fund and reduces cash fund spending authority to the Department of Law by \$2,500 per year. Because the department reverts its spending authority each year, this decrease is not shown in Table 1, but is indicated in the State Appropriations section.

Summary of Legislation

This bill extends the repeal date of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board from September 1, 2022, to September 1, 2027, pending a sunset review. The board is required to:

- provide technical assistance, outreach and training to local governments to develop and maintain local review teams;
- provide coordination between local governments and organizations to assist with domestic violence prevention and responses to fatalities;
- pursue and implement policy recommendations;
- coordinate with stakeholders to develop best practices for collecting data on domestic violence-related fatalities;
- coordinate information-sharing related to identified domestic violence fatalities; and
- make a recommendation in its 2022 annual report on how diversity, equity, and inclusion training could be provided for certain entities involved in domestic violence response.

The bill also repeals the board's cash fund and reduces the cash fund spending authority in the FY 2022-23 Long Bill by \$2,500.

Background

Senate Bill 17-126 created the review board in the Department of Law (DOL). Since FY 2018-19, the DOL annually receives \$16,020 from the General Fund and \$2,500 in cash spending authority. Since the cash fund's revenue source is gifts, grants, and donations, which have not been received, the DOL has annually reverted the fund's spending authority.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Law by \$43,350 in FY 2022-23 and \$46,020 in FY 2023-24 from the General Fund, and may increase workload for board members in affected state agencies. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and impacts are detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-100

| | FY 2022-23 | FY 2023-24 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Department of Law | | |
| Contractor Services | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| Continuation Costs | \$13,350 | \$16,020 |
| Total Cost | \$43,350 | \$46,020 |

Department of Law. The department has new costs to implement the bill's requirements to provide technical support to local governments, as well as board continuation costs, as discussed below.

- **Contractor services.** Starting in FY 2022-23, DOL requires \$30,000 annually for a contractor to provide technical support to existing and future domestic violence review boards established at the county level. This cost assumes 400 hours per year at a rate of \$75 per hour.
- **Continuation costs.** As discussed in the Background section, the department is appropriated \$16,020 annually for its work supporting the board, which would discontinue in FY 2022-23 without this bill. First-year costs are prorated for the board's September repeal date under current law.

State agency board members. The review board has members from the Judicial Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Any increase in members' workload requires no change in appropriations.

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 \$6,503 in FY 2022-23 and \$6,903 in FY 2023-24, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires and includes the following appropriations to the Department of Law:

- an increase of \$43,350 from the General Fund; and
- a decrease in cash fund spending authority of \$2,500 from the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Cash Fund.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 2, 2022.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
County Coroners
Human Services
Judicial
Municipalities
Sheriffs

Counties
District Attorneys
Information Technology
Law
Public Health and Environment