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Final Fiscal Note

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Sen. Fields

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Bill Status: Deemed Lost
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Bill Topic: **FUNDING FOR SERV FOR CO EMPLOYMENT FIRST PARTICIPANTS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have provided \$1.5 million General Fund per year for two years to the Colorado Employment First Program. The bill would have increased state expenditures and local revenue and expenditures through FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary:

For FY 2023-24, the bill would have required an appropriation of \$1.5 million to the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The bill was deemed lost in the House Appropriations Committee on May 9, 2023; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1124

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
	Federal Funds	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million
	Total Expenditures	\$3.0 million	\$3.0 million
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$225,000	\$225,000

Summary of Legislation

The Colorado Employment First Program, housed in the Department of Human Services (DHS), provides employment, education and training services to families receiving assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill appropriates \$1.5 million General Fund per year through FY 2024-25 to the DHS for the Colorado Employment First Program. The funding will be used by county departments and a third-party partner to provide employment support and job retention services, and to support work-based learning opportunities for Colorado Employment First participants. This requirement repeals July 1, 2025.

State Expenditures

The bill increases expenditures in the DHS by a total of \$3.0 million per year, as the \$1.5 million General Fund will draw down an additional \$1.5 million in federal funds. Funding will be distributed by the SNAP Employment and Training program to counties across the state to provide employment services for SNAP participants.

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. 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, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

From FY 2023-24 through FY 2024-25, county departments of human services and a third-party provider in one additional county will receive additional state and federal funding to provide employment services to SNAP recipients. The amount of funding that each county receives will vary by location, and the exact disbursement of funding has not been estimated for this fiscal note.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Human Services Information Technology