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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: PATHWAYS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

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

The bill requires the Department of Human Services to contract with a third-party to conduct a feasibility study looking at the intersection of Colorado's behavioral health service availability and the judicial system. The bill will increase state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$300,000 to the Department of Human Services.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1153

		Budget Year FY 2023-24	Out Year FY 2024-25
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$300,000	-
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$45,000	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract with a third-party to conduct a study to determine if establishing a system to support access to behavioral health care and housing support for individuals with serious mental illness is feasible. The findings of the study must be reported to the General Assembly by December 31, 2023.

State Expenditures

In FY 2023-24, the bill will increase General Fund expenditures in the DHS by \$300,000 to contract with a third-party to conduct the study. This cost is based on similar studies conducted by the DHS. In addition, workload to the Judicial Department, Behavioral Health Administration, and Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing, Local Affairs, and Public Safety will increase to collaborate with the DHS to determine the qualifications of the contractor. The fiscal note assumes this collaboration can be conducted within existing 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. 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.

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 \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services.

State and Local Government Contacts

Behavioral Health Administration
Information Technology
Public Safety

Health Care Policy and Financing
Judicial

Human Services
Local Affairs