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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Moreno
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Bill Topic: CONTINUTATION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENT PROGRAM

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

This bill indefinitely continues the Necessary Document Program, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2021. The bill increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2021-22, this bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$250,000 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-018

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$250,000	\$300,000
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the Necessary Document Program in the Office of Health Equity in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) indefinitely. The program is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2021. Beginning in 2032, and every following five years, CDPHE must provide the General Assembly with the number of necessary documents that were acquired annually as a result of the program, as well as any significant technological changes or developments that affect the need for or operations of the necessary documents program.

Background

The Necessary Document Program helps Colorado residents who are victims of domestic violence, impacted by a natural disaster, low-income, disabled, homeless, or elderly pay the fees to acquire a necessary document. Necessary documents are defined as social security cards, driver's licenses, identification cards, or a vital statistics report (such as a birth, death, or marriage certificate). The Office of Health Equity contracts with a nonprofit organization or collection of non-profit organizations to implement the program. The program funds approximately 10,500 documents per year.

State Expenditures

Continuing the Necessary Document Program will increase General Fund costs by \$300,000 and 0.1 FTE per year in the Office of Health Equity in the CDPHE. For FY 2021-22, program costs are prorated to \$250,000 in expenditures to reflect ten months of continued operations after the statutory repeal date of September 1, 2021. Of the total annual program costs, about \$285,000 is paid to the contractor who operates the program and \$15,000 is used for the direct and indirect costs of supporting the program and contract oversight. The CDPHE will also be required to report information about the program to the General Assembly, starting in 2032, which is an absorbable cost.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on July 2, 2021.

State Appropriations

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and 0.1 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Human Services	Information Technology	Law
Local Affairs	Public Health and Environment	Revenue	

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.