

FISCAL NOTE

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EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS Bill Topic:

Summary of **Fiscal Impact:** □ State Revenue

State Expenditure (conditional)

□ State Transfer

□ TABOR Refund □ Local Government

Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires that a state agency follow the administrative procedures for emergency rules when issuing an emergency public health order and to provide notice and a hearing before extending the order past the 120-day limit on emergency rules. State expenditures will increase conditional upon the necessity of issuing an

emergency public health order.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that a state agency follow the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) requirements for emergency rules when issuing an emergency public health order. To extend the order past the 120-day limit on emergency rules, the agency is required to provide notice and conduct a hearing under the APA.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase expenditures for the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) conditioned on the need to issue an emergency public health order. Prior to the COVID19 pandemic, the CDPHE issued very few emergency public health orders. Costs to provide notice and conduct a rulemaking hearing are estimated at approximately \$12,000 per hearing. If the issuance of emergency orders becomes more frequent even after the pandemic is under control, the CDPHE may seek additional funding through the annual budget process.

Effective Date

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

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