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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Lindsay Sen. Jaquez Lewis	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic:	FLEXIBILITY IN ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM FUNDING
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <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 renames the Dental Loan Repayment Program Fund, expands the use of the fund to include oral health programs within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and requires annual reporting. The bill may increase state workload beginning in FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.
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Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Dental Loan Repayment Program Fund receives 1.0 percent of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement deposited to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund. This bill renames the fund as the Dental Loan Repayment and Oral Health Programs Fund and expands the use of the money in the fund to include oral health programs within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). By October 1, 2023 and on an annual basis through FY 2028-29, the CDPHE is required to report certain program information to the Joint Budget Committee.

Background

In November 1998, forty-six states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories (the states) entered into a settlement agreement with the four largest tobacco companies in the United States. This agreement, called the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, restricts tobacco companies' marketing practices and requires them to pay a projected \$206 billion over 25 years to the states.

State Expenditures

While the bill does not change the amount of funding transferred to the newly renamed Dental Loan Repayment and Oral Health Programs Fund, it may shift the use of that funding to include oral health programs. To the extent that funding normally spent under the Dental Loan Repayment Program is used for other oral health activities, the CDPHE will reallocate staff resources as necessary, and no net change in workload is expected. The fiscal note assumes that the increase in workload resulting from the reporting required under the bill is absorbable, and that no additional appropriation is required.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 18, 2022.

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