

**Legislative
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Rep. Rankin

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Bill Topic: HEALTHCARE AFFORD & SUSTAIN FEE CASH FUND APPROPS

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

This bill requires that moneys in the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund be subject to annual appropriation. It changes decision-making authority for state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note
Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that moneys in the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee Cash Fund (fund) be subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly. Under current law, moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated.

The fund includes Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee revenue from hospitals and federal matching funds. The fee is assessed on inpatient and outpatient services and may be matched with federal funds up to a cap in federal law. Moneys in the fund are disbursed to hospitals to offset their costs for health care provided to indigent and Medicaid expansion populations and used for the administrative expenses of the Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2018-19, this bill changes decision-making authority for expenditures from the fund. Under current law, disbursements are directed by the enterprise board on a continuous basis. The bill allows legislative discretion over the amounts expended and requires that adjustments be accomplished through the annual budget process.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

State and Local Government Contacts

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