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**HB16-1148**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Sias

**Bill Status:** Signed into Law

Sen. Roberts; Kefalas

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**BILL TOPIC:** HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES AND POLICIES

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires Connect for Health Colorado, the state's health insurance marketplace under the federal Affordable Care Act, to create technical and advisory groups and operate them on an ongoing basis. The technical and advisory groups must meet at least quarterly and are required to report and provide guidance to the Connect for Health Colorado board on issues that affect consumers. After two years, the technical and advisory groups will shift from meeting on a regular basis to only meeting when necessary.

The bill also requires the that Connect for Health Colorado board develop policies specifying which of its actions and policy changes require public scrutiny. These policies must be submitted to the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee. In addition, Connect for Health Colorado must provide public notice at least three weeks before meetings at which matters requiring public scrutiny are considered and take public comment and questions at the meeting. The Connect for Health Colorado board may take action without public notice and input if immediate adoption of a policy is required for continuing operation of the exchange.

**Statutory Public Entity Impact**

Under the bill, Connect for Health Colorado will require 1.0 FTE at a cost of \$75,000 per year for staff to facilitate the technical and advisory groups and manage the required public hearing process. The fiscal note assumes these costs will be paid using existing revenue sources to Connect for Health Colorado, including fees charged to health insurers, donations through the premium tax credit deduction, grants, and other sources.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 22, 2016, and it became effective on June 1, 2016.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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