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HB 20-1389

FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. McCluskie; Ransom Sen. Moreno; Zenzinger	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic:	SUSPEND TRANSFERS CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CASH FUND
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfers	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

Budget package bill. This bill suspends transfers of any unspent child welfare capped allocations to the Child Welfare Prevention and Intervention Cash Fund starting in the current FY 2019-20 until FY 2021-22. The bill may increase available funds in the General Fund and may decrease state funds available to county departments of human services.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill and is recommend by the Joint Budget Committee as part of the FY 2020-21 budget balancing package.

Summary of Legislation

This bill suspends transfers of any unspent child welfare capped allocations to the Child Welfare Prevention and Intervention Cash Fund (cash fund) starting in the current FY 2019-20 until FY 2021-22. Specifically, the bill is suspending two transfers to the cash fund. First, the bill is suspending the transfer of unspent General Fund money allocated to "balance of the state" counties. Under current law, money from this transfer is deposited into the Small and Medium County Account within the cash fund. Second, the bill suspends the transfer of unspent child welfare allocations for specific child welfare services to the cash fund. Under current law, this money is transferred to the All Counties Account within the cash fund.

Background

Under current law, money in the Child Welfare Prevention and Intervention Cash Fund must be allocated to counties in order to increase local child welfare prevention and intervention services capacity. Money in the Small and Medium County Account may only be allocated to small and medium counties, while money in the All Counties Account may be allocated to any county regardless of size.

State Transfers

For the current FY 2019-20 through FY 2021-22, this bill cancels the transfer of any unspent General Fund child welfare allocation money to the cash fund. As a result, the General Fund may have more funds to spend or save in FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23. The amount available will depend on the amount of unspent child welfare allocations and therefore cannot be estimated at this time.

Local Government

For FY 2020-21 through FY 2022-23, money available to county departments of human services from the cash fund may decrease. The decrease is dependent on the amount of unspent child welfare allocations, the type of allocations being underspent, and the size of the county. Therefore, the exact decrease in funds to counties cannot be determined at this time.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 24, 2020.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Human Services