SB 19-153

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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: SUNSET PODIATRY BOARD

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

☒ State Revenue
☒ State Expenditure
☐ State Transfer
☐ TABOR Refund
☐ Local Government
☐ Statutory Public Entity

Sunset bill. SB 19-153 continues the Colorado Podiatry Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, which is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2019. State fiscal impacts include both increased workload from changes to the program under the bill, as well as the continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures. The program is continued through September 1, 2026.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-153*

New Impacts		**FY 2019-20**	**FY 2020-21**
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	-	-
TABOR Refund	General Fund	-	-

Continuing Program Impacts		**FY 2019-20**	**FY 2020-21**
Revenue	Cash Funds	-	$95,691
Expenditures	Cash Funds	-	$95,691
	FTE	-	0.7 FTE
TABOR Refund	General Fund	-	-

* *Table 1 shows the new impacts resulting from changes to the program under the bill and the continuing impacts from extending the program beyond its current repeal date. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.*

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Podiatry Board and the regulation of podiatrists, which is housed in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2019. This bill extends the repeal date to September 1, 2026, after a sunset review by DORA. The bill also clarifies that a podiatrist must pass an exam in order to be licensed by the Podiatry Board; allows the board to enter into a confidential agreement with a podiatrist to limit their scope of practice if the podiatrist suffers from a physical or mental illness; and removes the requirement that the board send a letter of admonition through certified mail. In addition, a podiatrist may be subject to discipline if a podiatrist does not limit their practice as agreed to in the confidential agreement.

Continuing Program Impacts

Based on the department's FY 2019-20 budget request, DORA is expected to have revenue of $95,691 and expenditures of $95,691 and 0.7 FTE to administer the Colorado Podiatry Board. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2020-21. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on July 1, 2020, following a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2020-21 by the amounts shown in Table 1. The changes to the program that affect costs are discussed in the State Expenditures section below.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2019-20, the bill will decrease expenditures by a minimal amount and increase workload to DORA. To the extent DORA no longer uses certified mail to send letters of admonition, costs to DORA will decrease; however, due to the low number of letters sent in the last few fiscal years, the expected decrease in costs will be minimal. Workload will increase in order to provide outreach and education, as well as possible rulemaking to implement the changes in the bill. The expected increase can be accomplished within existing appropriation.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology	Health Care Policy and Financing
Regulatory Agencies	Public Health and Environment