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Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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SHORT TITLE: REGULATION OF CONTINUING PROFL ED

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal reduction in state expenditures. See State Expenditures Section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Division of Private Occupational Schools (DPOS) within the Department of Higher Education (DHE) regulates private occupational schools. This bill exempts from DPOS regulation continuing professional education programs offered by nonprofit organizations and approved by another state professional licensing entity, such as those in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

State Expenditures

The bill exempts certain qualifying nonprofit occupational schools from oversight by the DHE. This is anticipated to result in a slight reduction in workload for the DPOS or the department.

The DPOS is allowed to set and collect fees from occupational schools to cover the cost of providing state oversight, and to authorize an occupational school to do business in Colorado. Schools exempted from regulation by DPOS will no longer be charged certain fees; however, cash fund spending authority for the division is set annually via the budget process, and DHE sets its fee policies to collect revenues that match the division's spending authority. For this reason, the bill is not anticipated to change fee revenue for the DHE.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education Law Regulatory Agencies