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FISCAL IMPACT

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	Rep. Hagedorn	**Bill Status:**	Health Care Task Force
Prime Sponsor(s):	Sen. Reeves	**Fiscal Analyst:**	Janis Baron (303-866-3523)

TITLE: CONCERNING MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT A REGISTRY THAT TRACKS IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN COLORADO.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2000/2001	FY 2001/2002
State Revenues		
General Fund		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	$ 60,000	$ 0
Cash Fund Exempt	442,131	320,017
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Other State Impact: None		
Effective Date: July 1, 2000 — Applies to all records regarding immunizations and vaccines administered on or after said date.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2000-2001: Department of Public Health and Environment $ 502,131 Total 60,000 GF 442,131 CFE — Reserves from the Infant Immunization Fund		
Local Government Impact: None		

Summary of Legislation

The bill includes the following provisions:

requires the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) to review the administrative fee paid for immunizations every two years and adjust them for inflation;

requires DPHE to study: (1) the administrative cost for public and private physicians to administer immunizations; (2) implementing and maintaining an electronic tracking system of children's immunization records; and (3) implementing a public and private cooperative arrangement for the purchase of vaccines;

allows the studies to be funded with private and public moneys;

establishes reporting requirements; and

requires implementation of an infant and child immunization tracking system by July 1, 2001.

State Expenditures

The bill is assessed at having a fiscal impact of $502,131 in FY 2000-01 and $320,017 in FY 2001-02.

Required Studies. As noted above, the bill requires DPHE to study three distinct activities in addition to implementing a comprehensive immunization tracking system no later than July 1, 2001. The cost to conduct the studies is estimated at $60,000, and is based on the following assumptions:

DPHE will contract with an actuary to conduct the administrative fee study at a cost of $30,000. The study shall include: (1) the administrative costs for purchasing vaccines for practitioners; and (2) the implementation and maintenance of an electronic registry of immunization records by medical practitioners.

DPHE will contract with an economist to conduct a vaccine cooperative study at a cost of $30,000. This study will determine costs associated with creating a vaccine cooperative and methods the cooperative should use to purchase and distribute vaccines.

Current staff in the Division of Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology in DPHE will oversee the two studies, and prepare the reports to the General Assembly which are due no later than March 15, 2001. Oversight and report preparation can be accommodated within existing resources.

Implementation of Comprehensive Immunization Tracking System. In its budget submission for FY 2000-01, DPHE is requesting $442,131 CFE (Infant Immunization Fund Reserves) to implement the Colorado Immunization Tracking System (CITS). This ***Decision Item Request #2*** is submitted under the statutory authority of the Infant Immunization Act. Because the bill requires implementation of the system by July 1, 2001, and because current statutory language makes no such requirement, the fiscal note assumes that the $442,131 required to implement the system should be included in the bill. The $442,131 is required to purchase a data base server, web server, expanded switching equipment to handle increased Internet traffic, and application software.

State Appropriations

The fiscal note indicates that for FY 2000-01, the Department of Public Health and Environment should receive an appropriation of $502,131. Of the total amount, $60,000 is General Fund and $442,131 is cash funds exempt from reserves in the Infant Immunization Fund. Section 25-4-1708, C.R.S., creates the Infant Immunization Fund. This fund is for the purpose of purchasing vaccines and implementing, developing, and operating the infant immunization program. At this time, it is assumed that General Fund will be needed to fund the bill's study requirements.

Departments Contacted

Public Health and Environment