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Bill Topic: SUNSET PLUMBING BOARD

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [X] State Revenue [ ] State Transfer [ ] Local Government
[X] State Expenditure [X] TABOR Refund [ ] Statutory Public Entity

Sunset bill. This bill continues the State Plumbing Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies, which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024. State fiscal impacts include both continuation of the program's current revenue and expenditures, as well as a minimal increase in workload from changes to the program under the bill. The program is continued through September 1, 2037.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1344^1

Table with 3 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include New Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), Continuing Impacts (Revenue, Expenditures), and Other Budget Impacts (TABOR Refund).

1 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. New impacts are minimal and not estimated. The continuing program impacts will end if the bill is not passed and the program is allowed to repeal.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill continues the State Plumbing Board in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), which is scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2024, for 13 years, until September 1, 2037. Additionally, the bill makes several changes to the program, including board appointment requirements, scope of practice regarding water conditioning systems, updating grounds for discipline, and modernizing program operations.

The full sunset report can be found [here](#).

## Continuing Program Impacts

Based on recent revenue and expenditures, DORA is expected to have revenue of about \$1.6 million and expenditures of \$2.5 million to administer the program. Program revenue is staggered based on a two-year license cycle, with renewals occurring in odd-numbered years. Overall, revenue collected across the two-year cycle is sufficient to cover program expenditures. If this bill is enacted, current revenue and expenditures will continue for the program starting in FY 2025-26. This continuing revenue is subject to the state TABOR limits. If this bill is not enacted, the program will end on September 1, 2024, followed by a wind-down period, and state revenue and expenditures will decrease starting in FY 2025-26 by the amounts shown in Table 1. The changes to the program that drive additional costs are discussed in the State Expenditures section below.

## State Expenditures

The changes to the program will increase workload in DORA to conduct education and outreach, and may increase the number of complaints received. Overall, the increase is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions

Regulatory Agencies

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).