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## Fiscal Note

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### **H.96 – An act relating to increasing the monetary thresholds for certificate of need**

**As Recommended by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Bill Summary**

**T**he bill proposes to increase the monetary thresholds that trigger a certificate of need (CON) requirement.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Over the past seven years, the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) has collected approximately \$50,000 per year – on average – in fees related to the review of CON applications. GMCB estimates that the bill could reduce this revenue by as much as \$20,000 per year on average, which only accounts for approximately 0.2% of the GMCB's annual budget. According to GMCB this loss can be absorbed and the decrease in CON reviews would allow resources to be deployed elsewhere within the organization.

#### **Background and Details**

Under 18 V.S.A. § 9441, the Board charges a fee for the filing of CON applications. The fee is calculated at the rate of 0.125% of project costs.<sup>2</sup> Fees range from a minimum of \$250 (regardless of the project cost) to a maximum of \$20,000. All fees collected are deposited in the Green Mountain Care Board Regulatory and Administrative Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be pulled up through a bill number search on the JFO page.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/18/221/09441>