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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Velasco Sen. Roberts	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House State Affairs
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**Bill Topic:** **CIVIL DEFENSE WORKER COMPENSATION**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill removes the prohibition in current law that civil defense workers receive no compensation for supporting local jurisdictions during disaster emergencies. Starting in FY 2023-24, the bill may increase local expenditures.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, “civil defense worker” is defined such that individuals acting in that capacity to support a local response to disaster emergencies may receive no pay. This bill changes the definition to allow these workers to be paid.

## Local Government

The bill could have an expenditure impact for local governments that have not compensated all emergency responders during disaster incidents. In practice, civil defense workers that are part of local incident management teams may be paid through the local agencies empowered to register and direct civil defense workers, using a combination of local, state, and federal emergency response funds. If some local jurisdictions have not arranged for compensation for these workers and choose to do so in the future, local expenses during disaster emergencies may increase.

## Effective Date

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

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Public Safety