

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Nikkel  
 Sen. Kopp

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**Bill Status:** House Transportation  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ON-LINE DATABASE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Cash Funds		
State Highway Fund	\$56,067	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 10, 2011, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 11, 2011, as scheduled and no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> See State Appropriations section.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to develop and maintain a publicly accessible, searchable, online database of its revenue and expenditure data prior to July 1, 2012. The new database is required to link to the state's existing Transparency Online Project (TOP) website, and meet the following requirements:

- **revenue transaction detail** must include the amount received, date received, source of revenue, reason for payment, account credited, and program for which moneys were received;
- **expenditure transaction detail** must include the amount expended, date expended, vendor that received the payment, purchase category, and fund from which the expenditure was made;
- **detail on payments made to employees** is limited to the employee's personnel area, job title, and gross year-to-date payments; and
- **data** are required to be updated every 5 business days, and beginning on July 1, 2013, archived revenue and expenditure data are included for the prior fiscal year only.

## **Background**

The Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) administers the TOP website, which presents information on state expenditures contained in the Colorado Financial Reporting System (COFRS). Exceptions are made for publishing confidential information, and state agencies may request that certain information not be disclosed on the TOP website. When specific expenditure data are excluded, the TOP website must explain the exclusion and provide aggregated expenditure data. The CDOT records its financial data in a separate financial reporting system rather than COFRS. As a result, TOP only contains aggregate data for the CDOT.

## **State Expenditures**

**The bill increases one-time state expenditures in FY 2011-12 by \$56,067 in the State Highway Fund (SHF).** This analysis assumes that the CDOT will require 737 hours of computer programming at the blended rate of \$74 per hour. An Accountant III is also required to develop and test the specifications for the computer programming, at a total cost of \$1,529.

**For informational purposes only.** The bill does not require TOP to be modified, but the cost to do so in order to accept data directly from the CDOT's financial system is \$91,387 in FY 2011-12, and \$8,400 each year thereafter. The CDOT would incur some additional computer programming costs to prepare its system to transit these data, for which costs were not available at the time of this writing. The fiscal note assumes that this cost is likely to be similar to the costs identified under the bill and described above. Therefore, total project costs are estimated to be \$146,000 in FY 2011-12 and \$8,400 each year thereafter.

## **State Appropriations**

No new appropriations are required for the CDOT as SHF moneys are continuously appropriated to the department. The Governor's Office of Information Technology requires an appropriation of \$54,538 of reappropriated funds for FY 2011-12.

## **Departments Contacted**

Governor's Office of Information Technology  
Transportation

Personnel & Administration