

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Lebsock; Thurlow Sen. Hill; Ulibarri	<b>Bill Status:</b> House SVMA
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**BILL TOPIC:** PUC SIMPLIFIED PROCESS FOR TAXICAB CERTIFICATES

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload decrease.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill changes the prerequisites for an applicant seeking authorization to provide taxicab service, as required by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), within and between certain metropolitan counties (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, and Jefferson).

Under current law, the taxicab service applicant must establish that there is a public need for the taxicab service and a party may oppose an application if it presents sufficient evidence to overcome the presumption of public need. Under the bill, the PUC is no longer required to consider the public need, only whether the applicant is operationally and financially fit to provide the taxicab service. If the PUC finds that an applicant is fit to provide the proposed taxicab service, it must issue the applicant an authorizing certificate to perform taxicab service.

**State Expenditures**

The bill results in a minimal workload decrease for the PUC. By eliminating the consideration of opposing parties and evidence concerning public need, the bill simplifies the application process for taxicab service. This decrease in workload is not expected to require a change in appropriations to DORA.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Regulatory Agencies