

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Lebsock; Thurlow Sen. Hill; Ulibarri	Bill Status: Became Law without Signature
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BILL TOPIC: PUC SIMPLIFIED PROCESS FOR TAXICAB CERTIFICATES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload decrease.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: 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). The bill also directs the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) to examine the statutory and regulatory requirements for entry into the market for taxicab service, and regulations governing the provision of taxicab service during the 2015 interim.

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. In addition, the PUC may not consider the applicant's corporate structure when reviewing an application. 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 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. The TLRC and its legislative support staff can accomplish the regulatory review requirements within existing workloads.

Effective Date

The bill became law without the Governor's signature, and took effect on June 6, 2015.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies