

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff*  
**STATE and LOCAL**  
**CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Crane

**Bill Status:** House State Affairs

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES BY A GOVERNMENT ENTITY ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2005/2006	FY 2006/2007
<b>State Revenues</b> General Fund		
<b>State Expenditures</b> General Fund		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
<b>Other State Impact:</b> None		
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 10, 2005, unless a referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2005/2006:</b> None required		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> Reduction in costs for local governments publishing legal notices.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill allows state and local governments to meet legal notice requirements by posting information on their official internet websites. This posting would relieve the governmental entity of the requirement to publish the same notice in a legal publication or newspaper.

**State and Local Government Impact**

The bill will reduce the cost of publishing legal notices for any state or local governmental agency that chooses to publish such notices on the internet instead of in a newspaper. These savings have not been estimated, but will vary by agency. It should be noted that many agencies already widely post information on their websites and other agencies will continue to use newspaper publication as the best way to reach their target audiences.

### **State Appropriations**

No new state appropriations are required to implement the bill in FY 2005-06, but some agencies may experience cost savings which should be reflected through the budget process.

### **Departments Contacted**

All State Departments, including the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch