

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. DelGrosso

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SHORT TITLE: GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO STATE HIGHWAY FUND

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue	<u>\$0</u>	
State Transfers		
General Fund	(\$100 million)	
State Highway Fund	\$100 million	
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* Transfers and diversions result in no net change to state revenue. Parentheses indicate a decrease in funds.

Summary of Legislation

As amended by the House Transportation and Energy Committee, this bill transfers \$100 million from the General Fund to the State Highway Fund (SHF) on July 1, 2014, and requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to:

- allocate the money transferred into the SHF to the department's engineering regions in proportion to the number of state highway system lane miles in each engineering region; and
- expend the money transferred only for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of existing state highways and bridges.

Of the \$100 million transferred to the CDOT, the bill requires that \$10 million be allocated to the department's Off-System Bridge Program for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of off-system bridges that are located in municipalities with populations under 10,000 people, or in counties that include enhanced rural enterprise zones.

Background

CDOT has five engineering regions that manage the transportation system throughout Colorado under the direction of the Colorado Transportation Commission. The regions function in a decentralized manner to optimize CDOT's design, construction, and maintenance functions in relation to the state transportation system. SHF monies are continuously appropriated to the CDOT.

State Revenue

State transfers. For FY 2014-15, this bill transfers \$100 million from the General Fund to the State Highway Fund in the Colorado Department of Transportation.

State Expenditures

The CDOT may experience an increase in workload to calculate and allocate to its five engineering regions the funds transferred to the SHF. The workload impact is expected to be manageable and can be accomplished without new appropriations.

The bill requires the CDOT to spend the \$100 million only for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of existing state bridges and highways. Of the \$100 million transferred, \$10 million must be allocated to the Off-System Bridge Program.

Local Government Impact

Local governments will receive an additional \$10 million for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of off-system bridges that are owned and maintained by the local government.

Effective Date

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

State Government Contacts

Transportation Treasurer