


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Gibbs
 Sen. Tochtrop

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Bill Status: House Agriculture
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Cash Fund	\$12,670	\$0
FTE Position Change	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE
Effective Date: July 1, 2007.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill directs the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, in the performance of its duties, to minimize the adverse impacts to wildlife resources from oil and gas development activities, and to mitigate any resulting impacts. The commission is directed to consult with the Colorado Wildlife Commission regarding:

- procedures to notify and confer with the Division of Wildlife (DOW) regarding applications or plans for oil and gas development;
- recommendations regarding the appropriate amount of drilling, roads, and pipelines in a given habitat as well as appropriate habitat protection measures; and
- identification and use of "best management practices" to minimize surface habitat and groundwater impacts.

State Expenditures

During FY 2007-08, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (OGCC) will hold two rule-making hearings that will cost \$12,670. No other OGCC costs are expected during FY 2008-09. Because the coordination with DOW is similar to existing OGC efforts with local governments, no additional staff or computer programming are anticipated.

Although the DOW was contacted regarding this legislation, information was not received. This fiscal note will be revised once information is forthcoming.

State Appropriations

For FY 2007-08, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (OGC) will require a cash funds appropriation of \$12,670 from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Cash Fund.

Departments Contacted

Natural Resources