



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
**STATE and LOCAL
 FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Rice
 Sen. Morse

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ON-GOING INVESTIGATION OF HOMICIDE CASES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A COLD CASE TEAM IN THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2007-2008	FY 2008-2009
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$67,302	\$64,297
FTE Position Change	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2007-2008: See State Appropriations Section.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact Section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a cold case unit in the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The bill requires the unit to develop a database containing information, provided by state and local law enforcement agencies, on all open homicide cases in the state. The bill permits the unit to conduct investigations in conjunction with the local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction in the case upon request of the agency or a family member of the victim.

The bill creates the cold case oversight task force, and permits the task force to review homicide investigation methods and take testimony from the victims' family members and the general public. Finally, the bill requires the task force to report annually to the General Assembly, beginning in October 1, 2008.

State Expenditures

This bill's total expenditure impact is \$67,302 in FY 2007-08 and \$64,297 in FY 2008-09.

Department of Public Safety, Colorado Bureau of Investigation. The CBI will incur additional personal and operating expenses of \$63,922 in FY 2007-08 and \$60,917 in FY 2008-09. This fiscal note assumes the CBI will hire a General Professional IV to provide analytical support

for local cold case investigations. The investigator will research and analyze violent crime patterns in homicide cases and communicate with law enforcement agencies regarding investigative information. The analyst will also manage the newly created violent crime database, and coordinate information between the CBI and local law enforcement. Table 1 details additional expenses based on the assumption that the analyst will:

- be hired at the General Professional IV level; and
- will require a cell phone and pager and \$1,000 in annual travel expenses.

Table 1. CBI Expenses Under HB07-1272		
Cost Components	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09
Personal Services	\$58,617	\$58,617
FTE	1.0	1.0
Operating Expenses	\$500	\$500
Capital Outlay (one-time cost)	\$3,005	\$0
IT Expenses	\$800	\$800
Travel Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$63,922	\$60,917

Task Force Expenses. The bill requires the 13-member task force to meet 4 times per year, and allows members to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses. This fiscal note assumes an average daily reimbursement of \$65/member, or a total of \$3,380 for 4 one-day meetings.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that the new CBI unit is able to assist local law enforcement units in these cases, these units could see a decrease in investigation costs.

State Appropriations

For FY 2007-08, the Department of Public Safety, Colorado Bureau of Investigation will require a General Fund appropriation of \$67,302 and 1.0 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Public Safety