

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF MOBILE MACHINERY OPERATED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

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Senator Renfroe

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/30/09 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared**

None.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**                       **Does Not Concur**                       **Updated Analysis**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating, to the Department of Revenue, for FY 2009-10, \$41,538 General Fund and 0.9 FTE to the Division of Motor Vehicles, and \$52,200 cash funds from the License Plate Cash Fund. Payments to local school districts under the School Finance Act will not begin until FY 2010-11.

The Department of Revenue does not require appropriations of \$55,318 General Fund for computer programming costs as identified in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated March 30, 2009, because the Long Bill includes an appropriation for the Department of Revenue to implement legislation that requires computer programming hours. Programming costs in the Department of Revenue will be shown in the Long Bill line item titled "Programming Costs for 2009 Session Legislation."

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) adds a provision that "mobile machinery" as defined in the bill, must have an empty weight of 26,000 pounds or more. According to the Department of Revenue, the amendment will not have a significant on the number of vehicles eligible for this new registration, and therefore will not have a significant fiscal impact on the bill.

**Points to Consider**

1. The general appropriations bill for FY 2009-10 has not yet been introduced. Legislative Council Staff is currently projecting that General Fund revenues will fall short of funding existing FY 2008-09 appropriations, and these appropriations will need to be reduced (or revenues increased) by another \$159 million. Assuming FY 2008-09 appropriations are reduced by \$159 million, revenue projections indicate that General Fund appropriations will need to be reduced by an additional \$365 million for FY 2009-10. This bill would appropriate \$41,538 General Fund FY 2009-10, thereby increasing the magnitude of reductions required in other state programs and services.
2. The bill would reduce specific ownership taxes by \$825,000 in FY 2009-10, and \$1,650,000 for each year thereafter. Local governments will see revenues decrease by that amount. Approximately 25 percent of specific ownership taxes are attributable to school finance act financing, so this decrease would require an increase in state aid of 412,500 to compensate the local districts.
3. The bill reduces Highway Users Tax Fund receipts by approximately \$131,250 in FY 2009-10 and \$262,500 thereafter. In addition, revenue to the Colorado State Titling and Registration System will be reduced by \$3,750 in FY 2009-10 and \$7,500 thereafter.