

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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

**Bill Status:** House SVMA

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY POVERTY ISSUES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY WHILE REDUCING CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2009-2010</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>
<b>State Revenue</b> Cash Funds	Potential Gifts, Grants, and Donations	
<b>State Expenditures</b> General Fund	\$46,076	\$49,785
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor or becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010:</b> See the State Appropriations section of the fiscal note.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the 10-member Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force. The task force is a legislative committee consisting of 5 members from each chamber of the General Assembly. Members serve without compensation, but are to be reimbursed for expenses for up to 6 meetings per year. Legislative Council staff is required to staff the task force, and the state demographer is required to provide necessary data and assistance at the request of the task force. The task force is to prepare a report each year by January 15 to summarize its work and recommendations. It is repealed July 2019.

The task force is required to assess current state policies and practices that promote economic opportunity and poverty reduction, and make legislative recommendations to the Legislative Council. Duties of the task force include developing a comprehensive plan for reducing poverty by at least 50 percent and studying issues relating to poverty, nutrition programs, employment programs, self-sufficiency. The task force is to appoint subcommittees that include representatives of executive branch agencies, local governments, business and labor organizations, education, organizations, advocates, and other interested parties. Subcommittee members serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

**State Revenue**

The Legislative Council is allowed to accept grants, gifts, donations, services, and in-kind donations from any public or private entity for the purposes of the task force. However, no specific funding sources have been identified, and the fiscal note assumes that the task force will require General Fund.

**State Expenditures**

The bill requires General Fund expenditures of \$46,076 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2009-10 and \$49,785 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2010-11. Of this amount in FY 2009-10, \$23,877 and 0.4 FTE will be in the legislature and \$22,199 and 0.4 FTE will be in the Department of Local Affairs. See Table 1 for a summary of expenditures by both departments.

<b>Table 1. Expenditures Under HB09-1064</b>		
<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2009-10</b>	<b>FY 2010-11</b>
<i>Legislature</i>		
Personal Services	\$18,597	\$20,288
FTE	0.4	0.4
Member Reimbursement	5,280	5,280
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$23,877</b>	<b>\$25,568</b>
<i>Department of Local Affairs</i>		
Personal Services	\$22,199	\$24,217
FTE	0.4	0.4
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,199</b>	<b>\$24,217</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,076</b>	<b>\$49,785</b>

**Personal Services.** The legislature requires staff to support to the task force. At the Department of Local Affairs, a statistical analyst (0.3 FTE) and an administrative assistant (0.1 FTE) are needed to provide information and poverty statistics to the task force. The fiscal note assumes that the state demographer can use readily available data to conduct its analyses, and that collection of new data or contracted studies will not be required.

**Reimbursement of Member Expenses.** Task force members serve without compensation. Members are reimbursed for travel and other expenses, estimated to be \$5,280 per year, based on 6 meetings per year.

The Legislative Council is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of committees of the General Assembly as provided for by Joint Resolution of the Legislative Council, or by resolution of the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council as established by Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S. The bill requires that all expenditures by the task force be paid using these funds and that task force expenditures be approved by the chairperson of the Legislative Council. However, the existing appropriation for legislative committees is generally used for short-term interim committees. Because this is a statutorily created task force that will operate for 10 years, the fiscal note assumes that a General Fund appropriation is required for the legislature and the Department of Local Affairs.

### **Expenditures Not Included**

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 2.

<b>Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB09-1064*</b>		
<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2009-10</b>	<b>FY 2010-11</b>
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$5,477	\$5,477
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	1,296	1,655
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,773</b>	<b>\$7,132</b>

*\*More information is available at: [http://www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/leg\\_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/CommonPolicies2009.pdf](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/CommonPolicies2009.pdf)*

### **State Appropriations**

The fiscal note indicates that the legislature requires an appropriation of \$23,877 from the General Fund and 0.4 FTE for FY 2009-10. The Department of Local Affairs requires \$22,199 in from the General Fund and 0.4 FTE.

### **Departments Contacted**

Legislative Council Staff  
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