

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE

REVISED FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kefalas
Sen. Sandoval

Bill Status: Senate 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.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
State Revenue Cash Funds	Potential Gifts, Grants, and Donations	
State Expenditures Cash Funds*	\$25,568	\$25,568
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor or becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None		

* Cash funds are required only if the task force is not approved as a legislative interim committee by the Legislative Council.

Summary of Legislation

The reengrossed bill creates the 10-member Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force comprised of 5 members from each chamber of the General Assembly. The task force shall meet at least 4 times during each interim. 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. The task force is to prepare a report each year by January 15 to summarize its work and recommendations. It is repealed July 2014. The legislature may accept gifts, grants, and donation to support the task force, and any such funding is continually appropriated to the legislature for this purpose. The task force shall only meet if the task force is selected as an approved interim committee by the Legislative Council, or the legislature receives sufficient gifts, grants, and donations to support the task force.

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. No specific funding sources have been identified at this time.

State Expenditures

The bill increases costs in the legislature by \$25,568 and 0.4 FTE in FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. See Table 1 for a summary of costs.

Personal Services. The legislative requires \$20,288 and 0.4 FTE for staff to conduct research, perform administrative tasks for the committee, and draft reports and legislation.

Member Reimbursement. 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.

Cost Components	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11
Personal Services	\$20,288	\$20,288
FTE	0.4	0.4
Member Reimbursement	5,280	5,280
TOTAL	\$25,568	\$25,568

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.

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

**More information is available at: http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/CommonPolicies2009.pdf*

Funding

The Legislative Branch is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly (typically 6 to 8) 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. If the task force is designated as one of the prioritized committees, its costs will be absorbed within existing appropriation and no new appropriation is required.

If the task force is not selected as a prioritized interim committee, the Legislative Branch requires gifts, grants, and donations of \$32,341 to support the task force in FY 2009-10. Any gifts, grants, and donations received by the legislature to fund the task force are continuously appropriated by the bill.

Departments Contacted

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Local Affairs

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