



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Sen. Gibbs**Bill Status:** House SVMA**Fiscal Analyst:** Josh Abram (303-866-3561)

TITLE: CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER 11 AS AN OPTIONAL STATE HOLIDAY.

Summary of Legislation

This bill establishes that September 11 in each year is an alternative state holiday. In recognition of the historic importance of September 11, 2001, the bill stipulates that:

- an appropriate observance may be held by the public, and in all public schools in the state;
- the head of a state agency may allow an employee to take the day off with pay on September 11 in lieu of any other legal weekday holiday that occurs in the same state fiscal year; and
- state agencies shall remain open on September 11 and conduct the operations of that agency at no less than a minimal level.

The bill is effective 90 days following final adjournment of the General Assembly unless a referendum petition is filed (August 4, 2009, if final adjournment is May 6, 2009).

Background

Beginning in 2001, the state added Cesar Chavez day as an alternative to other existing state holidays. Creating Cesar Chavez day as an alternative holiday has not created any fiscal impacts for state revenue or expenditures, nor interrupted services provided by state agencies. For departments that have facilities open seven days per week, 24 hours per day, employees are already afforded the opportunity to take alternate days off for legal holidays, and this option has not resulted in a fiscal impact.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no state or local fiscal impact. The bill does not mandate September 11 as a legal holiday. It merely permits an employee to take the day off with pay, subject to approval from the agency director, and in lieu of any other legal holiday occurring on a week day in the same fiscal year. The total number of legal holidays available to an employee of the state is unchanged.

Departments Contacted

All Departments