

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Labuda

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Bill Status: House Transportation and Energy
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR THE COLORADO WOLF AND WILDLIFE CENTER.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Highway Users Tax Fund	\$37,500	\$43,750
Licensing Services Cash Fund	37,500	43,750
License Plate Cash Fund	8,880	10,360
State Expenditures		
General Fund*		
Highway Users Tax Fund - CSTAR Account	\$1,962	
Cash Funds		
Highway Users Tax Fund - CSTAR Account	1,569	
License Plate Cash Fund	17,760	\$2,960
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 11, 2010, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 12, 2010, as scheduled and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011: See Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

* This amount may be funded by line item in the Long Bill for programming costs in the Department of Revenue for 2010 legislation.

Summary of Legislation

House Bill 10-1130 creates the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center special license plate. The Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center preserves and protects wolves and other similar wild species, as well as provides educational and conservation programs. The plate will be available to applicants who pay the appropriate license fees, plus a one-time fee of \$50. Of the \$50 fee, \$25 is credited to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) and \$25 is credited to the Licensing Services Cash Fund (LSCF). The bill has no special requirements for persons to purchase a Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center special license plate. The Department of Revenue may stop issuing the plate if less than 3,000 are issued by July 1, 2014.

State Revenue

The bill increases cash fund revenue by \$83,880 in FY 2010-11 and \$97,860 in FY 2011-12. Table 1 displays revenue generated by fiscal year and cash funds credited.

Table 1. Revenue Generated by the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center Special License Plate		
	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12
Number of License Plates to be Issued	1,500	1,750
Revenue Credited to HUTF	\$37,500	\$43,750
Revenue Credited to LSCF	37,500	43,750
Fees to Cover Plate Costs Credited to LPCF	8,880	10,360
TOTAL	\$83,880	\$97,860

The bill creates a new special license plate available for a one-time fee of \$50, evenly divided between the HUTF and the LSCF. The Department of Revenue (DOR) may begin issuing the plate on January 1, 2011, upon completion of design and administrative preparations. This fiscal note assumes 1,500 plates will be issued in FY 2010-11 and 1,750 plates will be issued in FY 2011-12. The number of plates issued in subsequent fiscal years is estimated to decrease resulting in less revenue credited to the HUTF and LSCF.

Applicants for the special license plate are also required to pay a fee of \$5.92 to cover plate and tab production costs. Revenue generated by the fee is credited to the License Plate Cash Fund (LPCF).

State Expenditures

The bill requires an expenditure of \$21,291 in FY 2010-11 and \$2,960 in FY 2011-12. Table 2 describes associated costs to implement the bill.

Table 2. Expenditures Required to Produce and Distribute the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center Special License Plate		
	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12
Number of License Plates to be Manufactured	3,000	500
Plate Cost (\$5.64 per set) and Tab Cost (\$0.28 per set)	\$17,760	\$2,960
Computer Programming (90 hours at \$39.23 per hour)	\$3,531	\$0
TOTAL	\$21,291	\$2,960

Four versions of the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center special license plate will be developed: passenger plate, personalized passenger plate, motorcycle plate, and personalized motorcycle plate. License plate production costs are \$5.64 per set in addition to \$0.28 for month and year tabs. One-time computer programming costs of \$3,531 are required to update the Colorado State Titling and Registration System (CSTARS) and Motor Vehicle Driver Systems database. Programming costs are \$39.23 per hour for 90 hours total. No appropriation is necessary because of ongoing appropriations to the department for computer programming provided in the Long Bill for new legislation.

State Appropriations

The bill increases HUTF revenue from special license plate fees, 35 percent of which is distributed to counties and municipalities for highway purposes.

State Appropriations

For FY 2010-11, the DOR requires a cash fund appropriations of \$17,760 from the License Plate Cash Fund.

Departments Contacted

Revenue