

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO IMPROVE COLORADO YOUTHS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO KIDS OUTDOORS GRANT PROGRAM.

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Senator Gibbs

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 1/25/10 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Education Committee 2/8/10)

The Education Committee Report made the following changes:

- changed the Legislative declaration;
- allow's the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources to use moneys received for the purposes of Section 24-33-109 (2), C.R.S., which directs the Department to develop and conduct an educational program for the youth in the state ("Youth in Natural Resources" program), to make awards through the grant program created in this bill to eligible entities that provide outdoor activities;
- prohibits the grant program from receiving appropriations of General Fund moneys;
- inserted language to specify that the criteria for selecting grant recipients shall address encouraging youth to participate with their parents in outdoor activities;
- specifies that the criteria for selecting grant recipients shall address whether the outdoor activity will occur in other natural area of the state that is either developed for outdoor recreational activities or undeveloped;
- specifies that the criteria for selecting grant recipients shall address whether the outdoor activity is designed to foster an interest in, and a sense of stewardship toward, the natural resources of the state by providing summer jobs for youth interested in natural resources.

The changes made by the Education Committee Report do not change the fiscal impact of the bill. Legislative Council staff concurs with this JBC staff assessment.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2010-11.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

In the Legislative Council Staff Conditional Fiscal Note from January 25, 2010, the Revenue section of the fiscal note states that to date, no specific revenue has been identified. Staff notes that the amended bill specifies that funding originally collected for the purposes of Section 24-33-109 (2), C.R.S., the "Youth in Natural Resources" program, can be used for the purposes of the Colorado Kids Outdoors Grant Program. The Department of Natural Resources states that there is no current stream of revenue to the "Youth in Natural Resources" program, which is funded through the Colorado Natural Resources Foundation Fund, however, the fund has a balance of \$123,485 which could be used for the purposes of this bill.