

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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 10-0464  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. McCann  
 Sen. Steadman

**Date:** February 9, 2010  
**Bill Status:** House SVMA  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER THE "FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT" FOR CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN ELECTED DIRECTOR POSITIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND SPECIFYING REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING THE DISCLOSURE OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Cash Funds		
Department of State Cash Fund	\$660	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> July 1, 2010.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill establishes limits on campaign contributions to candidates for:

- director of the Regional Transportation District (RTD); and
- director of a school district.

The contribution limit is \$2,500 per election for individuals and political committees, and \$5,000 per election for small donor committees. Candidates for these offices are required to file disclosure statements with the Secretary of State.

**State Expenditures**

The Department of State will have a one-time cost of \$660 in FY 2010-11 to modify its campaign finance data system to include the contribution limits created by the bill. It is assumed that this cost and any additional staff time required by the bill can be absorbed by the Department of State within existing resources.

Violations of these contribution limits or disclosure requirements could result in complaints being filed with the Secretary of State and cases being referred to administrative law judges (ALJs) in the Department of Personnel and Administration. This analysis assumes that any increase in complaints and ALJ referrals under the bill will be minimal and can be handled by existing staff.

**Departments Contacted**

Education  
Personnel and Administration

Law  
State