

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 10-0969  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Williams  
 Rep. Kerr A.

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**Bill Status:** Senate Local Government and Energy  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SMART GRID FOR COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE THE ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART GRID TECHNOLOGY IN COLORADO.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Federal Funds	\$20,000*	\$5,000*
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.4	0.1
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

\* *These are federal State Energy Planning funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.*

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill creates the 9-member, Colorado Smart Grid Task Force to gather information and report to the General Assembly and the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on specified issues related to the development of a smart energy grid in Colorado. The task force's initial report is due January 20, 2011, and the task force is directed to meet at least annually thereafter to review and update the report. Funding for the task forces activities is to come from gifts, grants and donations received by the Governor's Energy Office. If insufficient moneys have been received by June 1, 2010, the task force is disbanded and any funds returned to the original donor. The bill is repealed, effective July 1, 2015.

**State Expenditures**

**Task Force Members.** The bill specifies that a 9-member smart grid task force shall hold at least 4 interim meetings to study issues related to a smart grid and produce a written report by January 20, 2011. There are no legislative members on the task force.

***Governor's Energy Office (GEO)***. The office will incur expenses related to staff support of task force activities. Staff support in the first year includes the potential contracting with a mediator to facilitate the 4 task force meetings, gathering data, and production of the final report. On an on-going basis, staff will assist the task force in preparation for its annual meeting and in production of report updates. ***All associated expenses will be covered with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) State Energy Planning funds received by the GEO.*** Based on estimates of costs for staff support of interim committees, this fiscal note assumes that expenses related to staff support of the task force will total \$20,000 and 0.4 FTE in FY 2010-11 and \$5,000 and 0.1 FTE in FY 2011-12 and thereafter through FY 2014-15.

### **State Appropriations**

The GEO has already received ARRA State Energy Planning funds that will support the task force's work. However, the GEO will require authorization for 0.4 FTE in FY 2010-11.

### **Departments Contacted**

Governor's Office

Regulatory Agencies