


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Hamner **Bill Status:** House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF EDUCATOR LICENSES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Educator Licensure Cash Fund	(\$28,351)	(\$28,351)
FTE Position Change	(1.0)	(1.0)
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: See Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill changes the administrative procedure when educators are renewing licenses. It allows educators to submit an affidavit affirming they have completed their professional development requirements, when currently these requirements must be independently confirmed by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The bill also eliminates the requirement for educators to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States when renewing the license. Finally, the bill gives the CDE continuous spending authority for moneys in the Educator Licensure Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

This bill will reduce state expenditures by \$28,351 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2011-12. The bill reduces the amount of staff time needed to process educators' licenses by eliminating the requirement that the CDE review and confirm professional development activities. The CDE processes 12,000 licenses each year and each license requires approximately 10 minutes to process. This bill will reduce time needed to process licenses by approximately 2,000 hours each year.

State Appropriations

For FY 2011-12, this bill reduces the need for state appropriations to the Department of Education from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund by \$28,351 and 1.0 FTE.

Departments Contacted

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