


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING INCREASED TRANSPARENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT THROUGH ANNUAL CITIZEN-CENTRIC PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill changes the annual reporting requirements by state departments as required by the SMART Government Act passed in the 2010 legislative session. Specifically, the bill does the following:

- renames the annual report by each state department as a citizen-centric performance and accountability report;
- specifies the information that must be included on each page of the report, as shown in Table 1;
- requires the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) to establish a uniform report template to be used by all affected departments; and
- requires each department's report to be posted on the official websites of the state, the Governor, and the department.

Table 1. Citizen-centric Performance and Accountability Report Requirements	
Page Number	Content
Page 1	Table of contents, mission, structure, number of employees, and information on populations served
Page 2	Summary of key performance-based goals, performance measures, and a hyperlink to department's strategic plan
Page 3	Summary of financial data for the prior fiscal year and information on costs for services provided
Page 4	Summary of the most recent performance evaluation and forecast of future challenges

State Expenditures

The bill could increase workload in state agencies compiling information for inclusion in the citizen-centric annual reports. However, because departments currently include similar information in other documents such budget requests and strategic plans, any increase in staff time is expected to be minimal. In addition, current law already requires that a four-page annual report be produced; this bill specifies what information must be included in the report. Staff time in OSPB to develop the report template is also expected to be minimal. Departments can accomplish the tasks required by the bill within existing resources.

Departments Contacted

All Departments