


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AS THE STANDARD YEAR-ROUND TIME WITHIN THE STATE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	\$9,472	
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: See the State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None identified.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes daylight saving time the year-round standard time in Colorado. Under current law, United States Mountain Standard Time is the standard time within the state, except for the period of daylight saving time between the second Sunday in March and the first Sunday in November, which is one hour in advance of United States Mountain Standard Time.

State Revenue

No known impact on state revenue has been identified. Intangible factors that may affect state revenue from one hour of additional evening daylight between November and March cannot be assessed. Furthermore, any potential positive or negative societal impacts such as impacts on energy consumption, crime, tourism, general impacts to the health of citizens, carbon emissions, agricultural production, or traffic incidents have not been measured and are beyond the scope of analysis of this fiscal note.

State Expenditures

All departments of state government were contacted for their assessment of fiscal impact to make daylight saving time the year-round standard time in Colorado. Generally speaking, the bill will not affect state agency expenditures. The one exception is the Department of Revenue.

Department of Revenue. The department requires a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$9,472 in FY 2011-12 to implement the clock and time-stamp changes required by the bill. Computer programming for scripting, testing, and implementation will require 128 hours at \$74 per hour.

The department utilizes over 300 servers throughout the state, including MS Windows OS, Linux OS, UNIX, and HP-UX OS. Many business functions of the department are in operation 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Many of these functions are time sensitive, including accident reports for Division of Motor Vehicles and time-stamps on tax documents. Each line of business within the department will have to be upgraded to allow for the new time zone. Although Microsoft may issue a computer patch at no cost to accommodate different time zones within its systems, the Colorado time zone will be unique and will affect systems that do not operate on the Microsoft platform.

Local Government Impact

No known impact to local government has been identified. Any assessment of cost savings versus additional expenditures would be difficult to measure and would most likely yield inconclusive and conflicting results.

State Appropriations

The Department of Revenue requires a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$9,472 in FY 2011-12 to implement the bill.

Departments Contacted

All Departments