

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

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Vigil

**Bill Status:** House SVMA

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE STATE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b> General Fund	\$9,472	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> December 1, 2011, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> See the State Appropriations section.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None identified.		

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill ends daylight saving time in the state, leaving United States Mountain Standard Time as 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 less evening daylight between March and November 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 the repeal of daylight saving 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 HPUX 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 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