



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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Massey

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Bill Status: House SVMA
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE EXTENSION BEYOND JUNE 30, 2012, OF THE ONE-DOLLAR SURCHARGE COLLECTED BY EACH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FOR EACH DOCUMENT RECEIVED FOR RECORDING OR FILING.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
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: Revenue increase. See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill extends until June 30, 2017, the \$1 surcharge collected by a county clerk and recorder for each document received by the county for recording or filing. Currently, this surcharge expires on June 30, 2012. The bill delays the expiration date for five years.

Background

Under current law, the county clerk and recorder is authorized to collect and keep a surcharge for each recording and filing the county receives, and use the revenue to defray the costs of establishing and maintaining both a paper and an electronic document management system.

Local Government Impact

Beginning in FY 2012-13, local governments will continue to collect a filing and recording fee that would otherwise expire. Between FY 2007-08 and FY 2010-11, small population counties such as Hinsdale County in the southwest or Cheyenne County on the eastern plains filed or recorded, on average, 1,000 documents and collected \$1,000 in surcharge revenue per year. Medium

sized counties with more municipalities and residential development, such as Douglas County in the south Denver metropolitan area or Larimer County, surrounding Fort Collins, filed or recorded between 85,000 and 95,000 documents, collecting one dollar for each document. Large population counties such as Denver County or El Paso County filed between 147,000 and 173,000 documents annually.

Departments Contacted

County Clerk & Recorders

Local Affairs

Secretary of State