



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Becker

Bill Status: House Agriculture

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$237,164	\$223,055
FTE Position Change (reduction)	(1.0 FTE)	(1.0 FTE)
Effective Date: July 1, 2011.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill reorganizes the Governor's Energy Office (GEO). It changes the name of the office to the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), transfers regional representatives now at GEO to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), reduces the GEO workforce by 25%, adjusts the GEO mission, and changes the name of the Clean Energy Fund to the Energy Innovation Fund.

State Expenditures

For FY 2011-12, this bill increases state General Fund expenditures by \$237,164. It also eliminates 1.0 FTE and transfers 3.0 FTE from GEO to the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). For FY 2012-13, the bill increase state General Fund expenditures by \$223,055.

The bill eliminates one regional representative staff position and transfers the remaining three regional representatives from GEO to the OEDIT to be combined with OEDIT's regional representative functions. The staff are currently paid from federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, but those funds have been discontinued. At OEDIT, these staff would be paid from the General Fund.

OEDIT. The new, combined staff at OEDIT will expedite energy programs for economic development and serve as a local resource to communities. The bill states that this representation shall be limited to one representative for each of six distinct regions of the state, with the regions to be determined by OEDIT in collaboration with the CEO. These staff require a high level of business and/or energy general professional background, with an average salary consistent with average salaries for similar positions at OEDIT.

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Expenditures Not Included Under HB11-1312*		
Cost Components	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$21,300	\$21,300
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	9,964	11,740
TOTAL	\$31,264	\$33,040

**More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>*

State Appropriations

For FY 2011-12, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade requires a General Fund appropriation of \$237,164 and 3.0 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Governor's Office

Local Affairs