

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
**STATE and STATUTORY PUBLIC ENTITY
 FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Steadman
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Bill Status: Senate SVMA
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TITLE: CONCERNING OPERATION OF THE COLORADO CHANNEL AUTHORITY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALLOWING THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE AVAILABLE VIA THE INTERNET AUDIO RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REQUIRING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY TO BE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO REPRESENT THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN EACH HOUSE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State and Statutory Public Entity Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Colorado Channel Authority (authority) to broadcast audio recordings of the proceedings of the General Assembly via the Internet. The bill also clarifies that board members of the authority who are appointed by legislative leadership must be current members of the General Assembly and represent a major political party. Board members may no longer serve if they change houses in the General Assembly or leave office.

State and Statutory Public Entity Expenditures

The bill could increase costs in the Colorado Channel Authority if its board decides to begin broadcasting audio of sessions of the General Assembly. Costs to broadcast audio are estimated to be \$20,000 per year. While costs to the authority could be paid from a variety of sources (grants, donations, business revenue, etc.), the likely funding source is the Legislature Branch. The fiscal note assumes that any funding from the Legislative Branch to the Colorado Channel Authority to pay for audio broadcasting would be addressed through the annual budget process and be paid from the General Fund. No appropriation is required at this time.

Departments Contacted

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