

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE and LOCAL**  
**CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 11-0687  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Ramirez

**Date:** February 7, 2011  
**Bill Status:** House Transportation  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION OF CRUDE OIL FROM DESIGNATED ROUTES SET BY THE STATE PATROL FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	See State Expenditures section.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

House Bill 11-1176 authorizes the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) to exempt crude oil transporters from state requirements regarding route designation for transporting hazardous materials. In order to approve a petition for exemption, the CSP must determine that the route designation:

- does not impose unreasonable transportation expenses, provides for greater public safety than other routes, and does not unreasonably burden interstate or intrastate commerce;
- is neither arbitrary nor diverts transportation to or through other communities;
- provides reasonable provision for public notice and roadway signage;
- does not interfere with hazardous material pickup or delivery; and
- is consistent with federal laws and administrative regulations.

Under current law, the CSP has sole authority — in consultation with local governments — over route designation to determine which public roads may be used to transport hazardous materials. Such designations may include road and highway closures, routing, and other conditions deemed necessary. State law currently provides specific exemptions from route designation for transporting gasoline, diesel fuel, and liquefied petroleum gas; under the bill, crude oil is added to this list.

**State Expenditures**

**The bill has a minimal, conditional impact on state expenditures.** Any application for a crude oil route designation exemption may increase CSP staff hours and related costs. Such costs are anticipated to be minimal and will not require an increase in appropriations.

**Local Government Impact**

**The bill has a conditional impact on local government expenditures.** Dependent on route designations determined by the CSP, certain county roads may be impacted due to increased use by crude oil transporters. Such impacts may increase county road maintenance expenditures.

**Departments Contacted**

Public Safety

Transportation