



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell
 Rep. Lee

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Bill Status: Senate Judiciary
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTICES.

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.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill defines restorative mediation and lists restorative mediation as an option for court referrals to mediation services. The definition of restorative mediation in this bill clarifies that courts and parties to a dispute may resolve cases in a face-to-face meeting, with the opportunity to offer an apology, discuss how a harm may be remedied, or resolve the matter by other specified means, if appropriate.

Revenue and Expenditures

This bill articulates a model for restorative mediation that may be utilized in an undetermined number of Colorado legal disputes. A potential savings may be realized by the state to the extent that this option leads to more cases diverted from prolonged legal attention by the courts, the Department of Law, or other state officials. However, because mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution already exist, the savings are expected to be minimal.

Departments Contacted

Judicial Law