



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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Hullinghorst; Gardner D. **Bill Status:** House Local Government
 Sen. Aguilar **Fiscal Analyst:** Josh Abram (303-866-3561)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE MEASUREMENT OF SOLID WASTE DIVERTED FROM LANDFILLS.

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires that the Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) adopt rules for the disposal of solid and hazardous waste diverted from a landfill. Such waste is diverted from a landfill because it is reused, recycled, composted, or otherwise put to a beneficial use.

Cities with populations of 25,000 or more must report to the department the quantity and categories of solid waste they divert each year under the rules. Small cities may also comply, but are not required. No later than September 13, 2013, the department must begin annually reporting the results of this data and make recommendations to the commission concerning opportunities to increase the amounts of solid waste diverted. By January 1, 2014, the commission must report to the Health and Environment Committee in the House and the Health and Human Service Committee in the Senate, or their successor committees.

Background

Table 1 identifies the 25 cities with populations of 25,000 or more that will be impacted by the bill.

Denver	618,650	Loveland	66,132
Colorado Springs	407,733	Grand Junction	56,446
Aurora	326,661	Broomfield	55,861
Lakewood	145,990	Castle Rock	47,168
Fort Collins	140,087	Parker	45,128
Thornton	118,953	Littleton	43,461
Westminster	108,830	Commerce City	42,630
Arvada	108,539	Northglenn	36,825
Pueblo	106,895	Englewood	33,895
Boulder	102,210	Brighton	32,664
Centennial	101,658	Wheat Ridge	31,707
Greeley	93,129	Lafayette	26,200
Longmont	86,086		

Source: Department of Local Affairs

State Expenditures

The bill requires that the CDPHE adopt rules for identifying and measuring diverted solid waste and report the data collected by the cities to the General Assembly. There is a small amount of work related to adopting rules, collecting information, and reporting results; however, any expenditures for these activities are anticipated to be minimal and no additional appropriation is required.

Local Government Impact

Of the 25 cities directly impacted by the bill, less than one-half measure and tabulate solid waste information. However, these cities may not be measuring diverted solid waste in the same way that adopted rules may require. For cities currently engaged in measuring these quantities and categories of solid waste, there may be increases in cost to track and report waste based on the new rules. For cities that are not currently measuring or reporting any data on this waste stream, compliance with the new rules will require new expenditures. No estimate of the cost to cities for implementation of the bill has been made.

Departments Contacted

Law Local Affairs Public Health & Environment