



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENDITURES BY STATE-CHARTERED ENTITIES ON BEHALF OF PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH SUCH ENTITIES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: July 1, 2011.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill places restrictions on travel-related expenditures made for a board member, officer, or employee (covered person) by state chartered-entities. Specifically, a state-chartered entity may not pay more than twice the maximum federal daily rate (per diem) for lodging, meals, and incidental travel-related expenses for a covered person. It is also prohibited from paying travel costs on behalf of a spouse or the immediate family member of a covered person. Covered persons are required to reimburse the state-chartered entity for any amounts in excess of allowable expenses. The bill sets procedures for filing complaints with the Secretary of State's (SOS) office and requires cases to be heard by an administrative law judge in the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA). Decisions on cases may be appealed to the Court of Appeals.

State-chartered entities include institutions of higher education, service authorities, school districts, local improvement districts, law enforcement authorities, special purpose authorities, and special districts.

State Expenditures

State expenditures could be affected in two ways. First, if institutions of higher education have been paying travel costs in amounts greater than what is allowed under the bill, state expenditures will be reduced. The fiscal note assumes that any such savings will be retained for use by the impacted institutions of higher education.

Second, if violations of the new requirements are alleged, costs to process complaints, hear cases, and conduct judicial review could increase in the SOS, DPA and Judicial Branch. The fiscal note assumes any such increase in expenditures to be minimal, and that new appropriations will not be required.

Local Government Impact

As with institutions of higher education, local governments, school districts, and other state-chartered entities will experience savings if travel-related expenditures are reduced under the bill. No information about potential reductions in expenditures was available at the time of this writing.

Departments Contacted

Colorado Association of School Boards
Colorado District Attorneys Association
Colorado Municipal League
Governor's Office
Judicial
Pinnacol Assurance
Regional Transportation District

Colorado Counties, Inc.
Colorado Housing and Financing Authority
County Clerks and Recorders
Higher Education
Personnel and Administration
Public Employees' Retirement Association
Special District Association