

**STATE, LOCAL, and
STATUTORY PUBLIC ENTITY FISCAL IMPACT**

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE INTERNET PORTAL AUTHORITY.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures and Statutory Public Entity Impact sections.	
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: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill adds serving local governments to the powers of the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) and allows SIPA to fund its activities using revenue from the sale of services, products, and information. Local governments are also required to coordinate and cooperate with SIPA concerning the delivery of electronic information and services provided by the authority. The bill removes the requirement that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) conduct a performance audit of SIPA. In addition, under the bill, state agencies are no longer required to report the total amount of fees collected for accessing information, products, and services through the statewide internet portal to the executive director of SIPA.

Background

SIPA was created in 2004 as a quasi-governmental entity to provide e-government services for citizens and eligible governmental entities, including state and local governments, school districts, and other entities within the state. SIPA is governed by a 13-member board of directors and serves as the oversight body of the Colorado.gov portal.

State Expenditures

The bill will affect state agencies in two ways. First, the state auditor is not required to conduct a performance audit of SIPA. This change will not reduce costs within the OSA, as the fiscal note assumes that a different audit will occur in place of the SIPA performance audit. Second, state agencies are no longer required to report fees collected to SIPA. It is assumed that state agencies spend only a minimal amount of time tracking and reporting this information and no significant savings will be achieved from eliminating this requirement.

Statutory Public Entity Impact

The bill is not expected to significantly affect revenue or costs for SIPA. The bill primarily clarifies the authority of SIPA to provide services to local governments and to use revenue from selling products and services to fund its business operations. SIPA currently has agreements with more than 60 local governments, however, the bill does not mandate that any local government or state agency obtain services from SIPA.

Local Government Impact

The bill requires that local governments coordinate and cooperate with SIPA in its provision of electronic information and services. For local governments that already have a relationship with SIPA, this requirement is not expected to affect costs or workload. Counties that do not use SIPA services could require additional staff time to coordinate with SIPA. However, the fiscal note assumes that nothing in the bill requires local governments to make information available electronically for use by SIPA (i.e., create websites, publish documents electronically) if the local government does not currently do so.

Departments Contacted

Office of Information Technology
Office of State Planning and Budgeting

State Auditor
Statewide Internet Portal Authority