

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kerr A.
 Sen. Brophy

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Bill Status: House Transportation
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TITLE: CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHEN CLOSING CERTAIN ROUTES TO BICYCLE TRAFFIC.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
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

This bill clarifies requirements for local authorities to prohibit bicycle or electric bicycle traffic on state roads. Under current law, a state or local authority may prohibit certain vehicles, excluding bicycles, on a street or state road, providing it conducts an investigation and post signs thereto. This bill expands the statute to also cover bicycles.

Local Government Impact

Local governments seeking to prohibit streets to bicycle traffic will be responsible for conducting a safety and traffic investigation and posting signs. The costs for these requirements will vary with the project scope and are conditional on a local government choosing to close a street. Expenditures for the only known investigation of this nature were about \$4,000. In addition, signs are estimated to cost \$500 each, including manufacture and installation.

It should be noted that the requirement to conduct an investigation and post signs applies only when an alternate route is available, but it is unclear whether an alternate parallel route is required in order to prohibit bicyclists from using a particular road. Should such an alternate route be required, the local government may also incur costs for that route. Those costs are variable with the size and scope of a project and cannot be approximated.

Departments Contacted

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