

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Carroll
 Rep. Pabon

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL BUSINESSES DATABASE BY THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Local Business Database Fund		\$70,000
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Local Business Database Fund		\$63,392
FTE Position Change		0.3 FTE
Effective Date: The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on March 28, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to create and maintain an electronic on-line database of local businesses that must be operational by January 1, 2014. To the extent possible, OEDIT would integrate the database into existing databases or projects administered by the office. The purpose of the database is to assist consumers who wish to find and patronize local businesses; allow businesses to publicize their Colorado affiliations; and promote economic growth through the expansion of businesses in the state. The database would be searchable by the types of goods or services offered, the location of each business, and any other factor deemed appropriate by OEDIT. Businesses that wish to participate must provide information for the database electronically and pay an annual filing fee. Access to the database to view the listings would be provided free of charge. OEDIT will also develop downloadable mobile application software to enable individuals to access the contents of the database.

State Revenue

The bill authorizes OEDIT to assess a fee to businesses for the privilege of being listed in the database. Fee revenue will be credited to the Local Business Database Fund. The amount of the fee is not established in the bill but it is assumed that participating companies will pay an annual fee of \$10 per calendar year beginning in 2014. If 7,000 businesses participate, fee revenue could be as much as \$70,000 per year beginning in FY 2013-14. Although the bill authorizes OEDIT to accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for information technology costs incurred in establishing and maintaining the database, no sources for contributions are identified.

State Expenditures

The OEDIT will require \$63,392 Cash Funds and 0.3 FTE in FY 2013-14 to create and maintain the electronic database of local businesses. Since on-line operation of the database is required by January 1, 2014, development of the database by the Office of Information Technology (OIT) will not be necessary until the beginning of FY 2013-14. A total of \$50,000 will be allocated to OIT for development of the software application and for costs related to software licensing and maintenance. OEDIT will require 0.3 FTE and \$13,392 in FY 2013-14 to work with OIT in the database development, market the database to the business community, review database entries, and coordinate efforts on behalf of OEDIT to ensure a successful outcome to the project.

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Expenditures Not Included Under SB12-143*		
Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)		\$1,836
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments		822
TOTAL		\$2,658

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Departments Contacted

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