


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Brophy
Rep. Sonnenberg

Bill Status: Senate Transportation

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TITLE: CONCERNING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE STANDARDS APPLIED TO CERTAIN VEHICLES UNDER TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE POUNDS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Revenue Cash Funds				(\$4,080,669)	(\$4,080,669)
State Expenditures Cash Funds				(\$4,080,669)	(\$4,080,669)
FTE Position Change				(34.0) FTE	(34.0) FTE
Effective Date: August 8, 2012, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.					
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.					
Local Government Impact: None.					

Summary of Legislation

This bill increases the weight limit from 10,001 to 26,001 pounds for a motor vehicle to be considered a commercial vehicle. In addition, this bill allows vehicle combinations used to transport livestock to be exempt from commercial vehicle provisions if the vehicle without the trailer does not exceed 14,000 pounds.

State Revenue

By allowing heavier commercial vehicles on state highways, this bill appears to conflict with federal law and would make the state ineligible for grants from federal Basic Programs Funds and Incentive Funds. A total of **\$4,080,669 per year** in grants could be affected beginning in FY 2015-16. In the event this bill is passed, a regulatory review will commence. If the review finds this law in conflict with federal requirements, then the federal program allows three years to return to compliance. Thus, any lost grant money as a result of this bill would not occur until FY 2015-16.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2015-16, this bill would reduce by \$4,080,669 the amount of funding available to the Colorado State Patrol to support Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. Funding under the program supports 34.0 FTE. The loss of these funds will likely result in the elimination of the program, unless the state can replace this funding in another form.

Departments Contacted

Public Safety

Revenue

Transportation