

**STATE and LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0243  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Acree  
 Sen. Morse

**Date:** February 6, 2012  
**Bill Status:** House Judiciary  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUNSET REVIEW OF THE COLD CASE TASK FORCE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2012-2013</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill expands the Cold Case Task Force to include a forensic pathologist and extends the task force's repeal date to September 1, 2019. Under current law, the task force is set to expire on July 1, 2012.

**Background**

The 15-member Cold Case Task Force was established under House Bill 07-1272 and is comprised of representatives from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Attorney General's Office, Colorado District Attorney's Council, statewide victims advocacy organizations, sheriffs, police chiefs, and victims' families. Members serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with their service.

**State Expenditures**

By continuing the task force past its repeal date and beginning in FY 2012-13, this bill will increase state General Fund expenditures by an estimated \$1,000 per year to reimburse member expenses. The DPS currently pays these costs and does not require a new appropriation. The bill will also increase workload by a minimal amount for the state agencies that serve as representatives on the task force, including representatives of the director of the DPS and the Attorney General. This analysis assumes these agencies can perform this work within existing appropriations.

**Local Government Impact**

By continuing the task force past its repeal date and beginning in FY 2012-13, this bill increases workload for appointed district attorney's, sheriffs, and police chiefs as a result of their service. This analysis assumes workload increase for these agencies is minimal.

**Departments Contacted**

Governor's Office

Law

Public Safety

Regulatory Agencies