



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
**STATE and LOCAL
 FISCAL IMPACT**

Note: This fiscal note is provided pursuant to Joint Rule 22 (b) (2) and reflects strike-below Amendment L.002

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Lambert Rep. Stephens	Bill Status: Senate Judiciary
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
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: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

With strike-below Amendment L.002, this bill states that the Colorado Mounted Rangers (rangers) may enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a state agency, county sheriff, local government, or an emergency planning committee to provide assistance as required. Current law specifies that services can only be provided by a volunteer organization in the event of a disaster. The bill expands the circumstances to include a variety of events for which assistance can be requested. The bill extends governmental immunity to the rangers and to any other volunteer organizations lending assistance under an MOU.

State Expenditures

By extending governmental immunity to rangers and other authorized volunteers, state agencies are required to provide a defense and indemnification in a claim or lawsuit resulting from their actions within the course and scope of their duties. As such, the state is required to cover, in whole or in part, the defense costs and any settlement or adverse judgment. These costs will be paid out of the Risk Management Fund and incorporated into future actuarial risk analyses. The amount of losses is dependent upon the frequency and characteristics of deployments and cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

By extending governmental immunity to rangers and other authorized volunteers, local governments are required to cover, in whole or in part, the defense costs and any settlement or adverse judgment. The source of funding for these costs will vary by government. The amount of losses is dependent upon the frequency and characteristics of deployments and cannot be determined.

Departments Contacted

Public Safety
Natural Resources

Local Affairs
Personnel and Administration

Corrections