



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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Hudak
 Rep. Schafer S.

Bill Status: Senate Health and Human Services
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TITLE: CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR AT-RISK ADULTS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue Cash Funds CBI Identification Unit Fund	Potential increase. See State Revenue section.	
State Expenditures	Increase — see State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies definitions and modifies requirements concerning the mistreatment, self-neglect, and exploitation of at-risk adults. Among other things, the bill removes the requirement that a mandatory abuse reporter follow an oral report with a written report within 48 hours. In addition, it directs each county to require each prospective employee who, during the course of his or her employment, will have direct contact with any actual or potential at-risk adult to undergo a fingerprint background check at his or her expense.

The 12-member At-Risk Adults Protective Services Task Force is created and authorized to meet during the 2012 legislative interim. Task force members serve without compensation and include representatives from the legal community, law enforcement, long-term care providers, health care professionals, banking, social services, and agencies of the state that serve at-risk adults. The purpose of the task force is to study, make recommendations, and report on various issues related to at-risk adults, including reporting of mistreatment, self-neglect, and exploitation; the provision of services; and strategies for improving protections.

State Revenue

This bill may increase state revenue collected by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for county employee fingerprint background checks. Currently, the CBI charges \$17.50 per check, with fee revenue credited to the CBI Identification Unit Fund. As it is unknown how many additional county employees may submit fingerprint background check requests, the amount of any additional revenue has not been estimated, but is anticipated to be minimal.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase state agency workload in two ways. First, staff of the CBI may process more fingerprint background checks. Second, staff of the Departments of Human Services, Law, and Public Health and Environment will experience an increase in workload from serving on the task force. The increase in workload is anticipated to be minimal and will not require an increase in appropriations for any state agency.

Local Government Impact

This bill may have a minimal impact on county employers for the purposes of ensuring that prospective employees comply with the bill's requirements to obtain a fingerprint background check. The fiscal note assumes that counties will not incur any additional costs, but that the hiring process may be extended. In addition, the bill includes representatives of certain local organizations, including the chiefs of police, sheriffs, and district attorneys, as participants on the task force. This analysis assumes that any increase in workload for these agencies is minimal.

Departments Contacted

Human Services
Public Safety

Law
Regulatory Agencies

Public Health and Environment