

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Levy
 Sen. Lambert

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Bill Status: House Appropriations
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TITLE: CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAM FUND MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE COLORADO QUITLINE PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Federal Funds	\$288,658	\$288,658
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill, recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, allows the General Assembly to annually appropriate moneys in the Tobacco Education Programs Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. By so doing, the department can draw down additional federal matching funds for the Colorado Quitline Program. These moneys will be reappropriated to the Department of Public Health and Environment to administer the Quitline Program.

Background

The Colorado Quitline is a free toll-free telephone counseling service that connects people who want to quit smoking or using chewing tobacco with trained counselors who can guide them through the quitting process. The Quitline also provides up to eight free weeks of the nicotine patch. Medicaid clients are eligible for additional tobacco cessation medications.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase federal fund expenditures by \$288,658 in FY 2011-12 for the Department of Public Health and Environment for the Colorado Quitline Program. Currently Quitline services are paid entirely from the Tobacco Education Programs Fund. By adding matching federal funds, the state can increase outreach and services to Medicaid clients.

State Appropriations

For FY 2012-13, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing requires an appropriation of \$288,658 from the Tobacco Education Programs Fund. The Department of Public Health and Environment requires an appropriation of \$577,316 in reappropriated funds of which \$288,658 is federal funds.

Departments Contacted

Joint Budget Committee