


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell
 Rep. Massey

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Bill Status: Senate Business, Labor & Technology
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$83,333	\$83,333
FTE Position Change	0.9 FTE	0.9 FTE
Effective Date: August 7, 2012, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill instructs the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to develop a business retention and expansion program. This program is intended to (i) develop stronger relationships between state economic development partners, (ii) serve as a clearinghouse of resources that assist Colorado business retention and expansion, (iii) facilitate communications between local governments, partners and businesses, and (iv) identify opportunities to retain and expand Colorado businesses in a quick and effective manner.

OEDIT is tasked with facilitating this program, and will be required to perform a number of administrative and organizational responsibilities, including the provision of training and resource awareness concerning state programs for businesses. OEDIT will address the program's status through its annual report.

Background

Executive order D 2011-003 outlines a series of steps designed to foster a more competitive Colorado by helping the state achieve six core objectives:

- build a business-friendly environment;
- retain, grow, and recruit companies;

- increase access to capital;
- create and market a stronger Colorado brand;
- educate and train the workforce of the future; and
- cultivate innovation and technology.

This bill builds upon the *Colorado Blueprint: A bottom-up approach to economic development*.

State Expenditures

The Global Business Development Division of OEDIT will be responsible for providing the staff and budgetary resources necessary to assist businesses as part of the Governor's plan for a regional approach to an economic development partnership.

The Governor's office has submitted a decision item to the Joint Budget Committee to fund economic development programs within the Global Business Development Division of OEDIT. For FY 2012-13, the request is for 2.8 FTE and \$250,000 General Fund. Approximately one-third of this amount, or 0.9 FTE and \$83,333 General Fund will be used to support the comprehensive regional economic development partnership envisioned by the bill. If the decision item is approved as part of the FY 2012-13 Long Bill, no further appropriation is necessary to pay for SB12-005. Conversely, an appropriation will be required in FY 2012-13 if the decision item is not fully funded through the Long Bill.

State Appropriations

If Decision Item Number 4 from the Office of the Governor is approved by the Joint Budget Committee and funded through the Long Bill, no further appropriation is necessary to implement the bill. If the decision item is not approved, a General Fund appropriation of \$83,333 and 0.9 FTE will be necessary for the Office of the Governor for FY 2012-13.

Departments Contacted

Governor's Office

Office of Economic Development

Local Affairs