

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

Drafting Number: LLS 13-0987	Date: July 16, 2013
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Hodge Rep. Rankin; Young	Bill Status: Lost in Senate
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW MATTERS RELATING TO PIPELINE SAFETY.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	\$35,525	
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	
Effective Date: The bill was lost on second reading in the Senate on April 23, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a legislative interim committee to address oil and gas pipeline safety and to review and propose bills on that topic. The Pipeline Safety Review Committee must convene stakeholders, request briefings from regulatory agencies and information from other sources, make determinations, and consider other issues. The committee consists of 11 members, including 10 members of the General Assembly and 1 member appointed by the Governor. It is authorized to meet up to 6 times and may propose up to 3 bills.

Interim Committees. Legislative Department appropriations support a limited number of interim committees each year. Funding is available for 4 committees during the 2013 interim and the interim study established by this bill was not prioritized by the Legislative Council for 2013.

State Expenditures

Table 1 shows the costs that the interim committee created by this bill will incur for per diem and expense reimbursement for members and for staff support.

Table 1. Interim Committee Expenditures Under SB13-275	
Cost Components	FY 2013-14
Personal Services <i>Research Associate II (0.3 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.1 FTE)</i>	\$23,645
Legislator Per Diem/Expenses (10 members x \$198 x 6 meetings)	\$11,880
TOTAL	\$35,525

The committee must request briefings from the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission in the Department of Natural Resources and the Public Utilities Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Preparing and presenting briefings on current safety regulations for pipeline safety is part of the normal course of business for these agencies and will not require any additional appropriations. The committee must also request briefings from federal agencies, including the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Energy Regulation Commission.

State Appropriations

The Legislative Department will require a General Fund appropriation of \$53,525 and 0.4 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Legislature

Regulatory Agencies