

STATE and LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR OPEN RECORDS ACCESS TO DATA COLLECTED

BY MONITORING CAMERAS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue	Minimal reduction.	
State Expenditures	See State Revenue and Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits the state from releasing video and still images from state-owned monitoring cameras under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA). This prohibition excludes material showing a person attempting or committing crimes. Identifying information, such as license plates, or crime witnesses, bystanders of a crime, and other persons in the video, may be released only if persons identified provide consent, or if the information is requested under certain criminal justice circumstances. The bill also defines the term monitoring camera.

State Revenue and Expenditures

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Local Government Impact

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Departments Contacted

All Departments