

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Kefalas; Roberts
Rep. Peniston

Bill Status: Senate Health and Human Services

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TITLE: CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund appropriation to the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund	\$8,472	\$8,472
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: See State Appropriation section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill extends the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (council) indefinitely by repealing the provisions that subject the council to periodic sunset review.

Background

Established in 2008, the 44-member Youth Advisory Council is charged with working with state and local youth groups to:

- provide members of the General Assembly with youths' perspective on proposed and pending legislation; and
- analyze and provide information on youth-related issues to legislative committees, commissions, task forces, and state agencies.

Issues addressed by the council include education, employment and economic opportunity, access to state and local government services, the environment, behavioral and physical health, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, driver's license requirements, poverty, and increased youth participation in state and local government.

Council membership. The council is comprised of 40 voting 14- to 19-year-olds and 4 nonvoting members from the General Assembly. The 40 voting members must be enrolled in and attending a Colorado junior high, middle or high school, including an online school; participate in a nonpublic, home-based educational program; participate in a general equivalency degree program; or have obtained a high school or general equivalency diploma. Subject to available appropriations, members of the council are compensated for attendance at meetings in the same manner as legislative members attending meetings during the legislative interim (per diem and actual and necessary expenses).

Every other odd-numbered year, the 4 legislative members designate a nonprofit or private organization as the custodian of moneys donated to the council through the designated organization. The current designee is the Civic Canopy.

Reporting. On or before January 30 each year, the council is required to submit a report to the General Assembly that contains a summary of the council's recommendations concerning key issues for youth for the current legislative session, and a summary of the council's work during the previous legislative session and interim.

State Expenditures

Total state expenditures for the council are expected to continue at **\$8,472 per year** beginning in FY 2013-14. Since 2010, this amount of money has been appropriated from the General Fund to the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund in the annual legislative appropriation bill. Money in the cash fund is continuously appropriated and year-end balances are retained.

Year-to-year council expenditures are expected to continue to vary due to fluctuations in gifts, grants, and donations. Table 1 shows a 3-year history of revenue and expenditures by calendar year (CY). Revenue shortfalls are absorbed by the designated organization.

Table 1. Youth Advisory Council Expenditures for CY 2009 through 2011			
	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011
Revenue	\$43,279	\$14,104	\$9,949
Expenditures	(44,229)	(22,343)	(19,514)
TOTAL	(\$950)	(\$8,239)	(\$9,565)

State Appropriations

For FY 2013-14, the General Assembly requires an appropriation of \$8,472 General Fund to the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund.

Departments Contacted

Legislative Council