



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Sen. Roberts; Schwartz**Bill Status:** House Judiciary**Fiscal Analyst:** Kirk Mlinek (303-866-2756)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTHORITY VERBS IN THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.**Summary of Legislation**

The bill, recommended by the **Committee on Legal Services** (OLLS) during the 2012 interim, codifies use of the terms "must" and "shall" in the drafting of new statutory language. The bill defines "must" to mean that a person or thing is required to meet a condition for a consequence to apply (it does not mean that a person has a duty). "Shall" is defined to mean that a person has a duty.

The bill is effective August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed, and it applies to statutes enacted on or after the bill's effective date.

Assessment

The proposed bill represents a technical change in the Office of Legislative Legal Services' drafting practices and, as such, is assessed at having no fiscal impact.

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