A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning financial assistance for local governments after a declared disaster emergency.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

In the event of a declared disaster emergency, the bill authorizes the governor to determine the percentage at which the state and a local government will contribute moneys to cover the nonfederal cost share required by federal law when the disaster emergency triggers federal assistance to the local government through the federal emergency
management agency. As soon as practicable after making such a
determination, the governor is required to notify the joint budget
committee of the source and amount of state moneys that will be
contributed to cover the nonfederal cost share.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-704, add (7)
(j) as follows:

24-33.5-704. The governor and disaster emergencies -
governor's disaster emergency council - creation - expert emergency
epidemic response committee - creation. (7) In addition to any other
powers conferred upon the governor by law, the governor may:

(j) Determine the percentage at which the state and a
local government will contribute moneys to cover the
nonfederal cost share required by the federal "Robert T.
Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act", as
amended, 42 U.S.C. sec. 5121 et seq. As soon as practicable after
making such a determination, the governor shall notify the
joint budget committee of the source and amount of state
moneys that will be contributed to cover a nonfederal cost
share pursuant to this paragraph (j).

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1107, add
(1) (d) as follows:

24-33.5-1107. Community loans. (1) Whenever, at the request
of the governor, the president of the United States has declared a major
disaster to exist in this state, the governor is authorized:

(d) To determine the percentage at which the state and a
local government will contribute moneys to cover the
NONFEDERAL COST SHARE REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL "ROBERT T.
STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT", AS
AMENDED, 42 U.S.C. SEC. 5121 ET SEQ. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER
MAKING SUCH A DETERMINATION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOTIFY THE
JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF STATE
MONEYS THAT WILL BE CONTRIBUTED TO COVER A NONFEDERAL COST
SHARE PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (d).

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.