



 Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE and LOCAL
CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT

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SHORT TITLE: UNREASONABLE SEARCHES OF ELECTRONIC DATA DEVICES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
General Fund		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The concurrent resolution refers a constitutional amendment to voters at the 2014 general election that, if approved, will protect electronic data from unreasonable searches and seizures.

State Expenditures

Subject to approval by the voters, this bill will increase workload beginning in FY 2014-15. By including electronic data as a category of information protected from unreasonable searches and seizures, a search warrant will be required in order to examine it without probable cause. Any increase in workload as a result of additional search warrant applications is anticipated to be minimal and will not require an increase in appropriations for any state law enforcement agency or for the Judicial Department.

Election Expenditure Impacts (For Informational Purposes Only)

The bill refers a measure to the voters at the November 2014 general election. This measure will be published in newspapers and an analysis of the measure will be included in the Blue Book mailed to all registered voter households prior to the election. Under current law, costs for these functions will be paid through a General Fund line item in the Long Appropriations Bill. Table 1 below identifies the anticipated costs for the 2014 Blue Book.

Table 1. Cost to Produce and Distribute the 2014 Blue Book to All Registered Voter Households	
Printing	\$450,000
Postage	\$450,000
Translation	\$15,000
Newspaper Publication (English & Spanish)	\$400,000
Total Cost (12 issues)	\$1,315,000
Average Cost per Issue	\$109,583

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state, if approved by voters, this measure will increase workload for local law enforcement agencies to secure search warrants for electronic data. The increase in workload is anticipated to be minimal.

Effective Date

The amendment proposed by the resolution will take effect upon approval by voters at the 2014 general election.

State and Local Government Contacts

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