

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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SHORT TITLE: CONTINUE GIFTS GRANTS & DONATIONS FOR DEPT OF LAW

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

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

Summary of Legislation

Recommended by the **Joint Budget Committee** (JBC), the bill continues the Department of Law's authorization to solicit, accept, and expend, without appropriation by the General Assembly, gifts, grants, and donations consistent with the purposes of the department. This authority is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2015. Under current law, the department must include in its budget request to the JBC, a report of its receipts and expenditures of gifts, grants, and donations. The bill repeals the sunset for the continuous appropriation and eliminates the reporting requirement.

Background

House Bill 12-1248 continuously appropriates gifts, grants, and donations from public and private sources to the Department of Law for FY 2012-13 through FY 2014-15 and requires the department to include a report with its annual budget describing the receipt and expenditure of gifts, grants, and donations. Without continuous spending authority, the Department would have required supplemental appropriations to spend grant funds above the appropriated amount, which would have delayed the use of funds.

State Revenue

Under the bill, authority to continue receiving and expending gifts, grants, and donations could affect state revenues, beginning in FY 2015-16.

State Expenditures

The continuous spending authority under HB 12-1248 has allowed the department to accept and spend additional grant amounts above the Long Bill appropriations without requiring legislative action to increase departmental spending authority. Table 1 shows the estimated grant amount and spending authority granted to the Department of Law in the Long Bill and the amount actually received by the department for FY 2013-14 (current fiscal year).

Program	Source of Grant	FY 2013-14 Appropriation	FY 2013-14 Estimate	Change
Auto Theft Prevention Grant	Department of Public Safety	\$282,234	\$291,569	\$9,335
Appellate Unit - Victims' Assistance	Department of Public Safety	\$72,651	\$76,059	\$3,408
Defense of Republican River Compact	Department of Natural Resources	\$110,000	\$469,265	\$359,265
TOTAL		\$464,885	\$836,893	\$372,008

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 6, 2014, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 7, 2014, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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