

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Newell Rep. Kraft-Tharp	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate Health & Human Services <b>Fiscal Analyst:</b> Lauren Schreier (303-866-3523)

**SHORT TITLE:** SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
<b>State Revenue</b> Cash Funds	Minimal increase. See state revenue section.	
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$82,051</u></b>	<b><u>\$85,142</u></b>
General Fund	\$73,972	\$75,650
Centrally Appropriated Costs**	\$8,079	\$9,492
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$73,972 - Department of Public Health and Environment (FY 2014-15)		

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

\*\* These costs are not included in the bill's appropriation. See the State Expenditures section for more information.

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates a Suicide Prevention Commission (commission) to provide leadership and craft recommendations on suicide prevention in Colorado. The commission is required to make recommendations to the governor's office, the Office of Suicide Prevention (office) within the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE), and the General Assembly.

The governor will select two co-chairs to the commission and the co-chairs will appoint no more than 23 members. The bill specifies the various sectors and professional backgrounds to be represented on the commission. Commission members will not be compensated for their time but may seek travel reimbursement. The DPHE will provide administrative support for the commission and will include its recommendations in an annual report submitted to the General Assembly.

Under the bill, the DPHE may accept gifts, grants, and donations from public and private entities to help finance the direct and indirect costs of the commission. All funds will be transferred to the Suicide Prevention Coordination Cash Fund (SPCCF). The commission is repealed on September 1, 2024.

**State Revenue**

The DPHE is authorized to seek gifts, grants, and donations to support the purposes of the bill. Any gifts, grants, and donations will be credited to the SPCCF. No source of gifts, grants, or donations has been identified and the fiscal note assumes any such revenue received in FY 2014-15 or future fiscal years is minimal.

**State Expenditures**

The bill will increase expenditures for the DPHE by \$82,051 and 0.9 FTE in FY 2014-15 and \$85,142 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2015-16. The office will require a full-time staff person to oversee the work of the commission. The costs, paid from the General Fund, are summarized in Table 1, and the new duties under the bill are described below.

<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>FY 2015-16</b>
Personal Services	\$57,419	\$63,800
FTE	0.9 FTE	1.0 FTE
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	\$16,553	\$11,850
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$8,079	9,492
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,051</b>	<b>\$85,142</b>

\* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Administrative duties.** New DPHE staff will be responsible for organizing and managing 16 to 18 meetings annually and engaging stakeholders. The individual will also serve as the primary contact person for all 23 commission members and 2 co-chairs.

**Research.** The staff person will be responsible for researching and synthesizing information pertinent to statewide suicide trends. This work will ensure that the commission members equally represent every affected group and geographic area in the state. The staff person will also provide data and technical assistance to local suicide prevention agencies or coalitions. Lastly, the person will be responsible for compiling commission recommendations that will be presented to the General Assembly on an annual basis.

**Outreach.** The staff person will also be responsible for representing the commission at relevant statewide meetings and developing effective strategies to disseminate research findings in the community.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and summarized in Table 2.

<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>	<b>FY 2015-16</b>
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$4,092	\$4,547
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	\$3,987	\$4,945
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,079</b>	<b>\$9,492</b>

\*More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>

**Other agencies.** Under the bill, representatives from other state agencies will serve on or provide support to the commission. The Department of Human Services, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Department of Corrections, and a representative from the University of Colorado Depression Center, will provide significant subject matter expertise to the commission. This bill minimally increases workload for these agencies.

### **State Appropriations**

The bill requires an appropriation to the DPHE in FY 2014-15 of \$73,972 from the General Fund, and 0.9 FTE.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Public Health and Environment  
Public Safety  
Human Services  
Military and Veterans Affairs  
Regulatory Agencies

Governor's Office  
Legislative Council Staff  
Education  
Health Care Policy and Financing