

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Baumgardner; Sonnenberg Rep. Coram	Bill Status: Senate Agriculture Fiscal Analyst: Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777)

BILL TOPIC: CO FEDERAL LAND MGMT COMMISSION

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the 15-member Colorado Federal Land Management Commission, which is comprised of 12 county commissioners from different regions of the state, appointed by boards of county commissioners, and 3 other members appointed by organizations representing the Western Slope, southern Colorado, and northeastern Colorado. The commission is required to study the transfer of public lands in Colorado from the federal government to the state, if authorized by Congress. The study must include development of a plan for the management, lease, sale, and use of federal lands and an economic analysis of the impact of transferring federal lands to the state.

The commission is required to hold its first meeting by November 1, 2015, and submit initial reports to the agriculture committees of the General Assembly by April 1, 2016, and April 1, 2017. A final report must be submitted by November 1, 2017, and a presentation on the final report given at a joint meeting of the agriculture committees by January 30, 2018.

Local Government Impact

The bill increases workload and costs for selected counties to support and participate on the commission. Specifically, if a county commissioner attends meetings, per diem and expenses for county commissioners must be paid by his or her county, if approved by the board of county commissioners. County boards will also be required to provide staffing and administrative support for the commission, which will include tasks such as arranging meetings, keeping commission records and minutes, conducting research, and writing reports.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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