

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Neville T. Rep. Neville P.	<b>Bill Status:</b> Senate SVMA
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**BILL TOPIC:** BUSINESS FISCAL IMPACTS LEG MEASURE & EXEC RULES

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary*</b>	<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$54,402</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,252</u></b>
General Fund	45,305	24,932
Centrally Appropriated Costs**	9,097	5,320
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.7 FTE	0.4 FTE
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> \$45,305 General Fund - Legislative Council (FY 2015-16)		

\* 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**

This bill requires that Legislative Council Staff (LCS) receive outside comments and prepare a notice of reported business fiscal impact (BFI) for each bill or concurrent resolution introduced by the General Assembly, and each proposed rule-making by a department within the executive branch.

Comments may be submitted within a five-day window commencing between two and four days after the bill's or resolution's introduction. Any comments received by LCS must be compiled and posted on the agency's web site. Each department of the executive branch is required to notify LCS concerning rule making. Following notification of any new or amended executive branch rule, LCS must follow the same procedure to accept, compile, and post BFIs on the LCS web site.

All BFIs consist only of the impacts claimed by those submitting the comments, which may also include information on the methodology used to support the claims; however, LCS must not include any independent analysis or state any conclusions concerning the comments received.

**State Expenditures**

***This bill will increase state General Fund expenditures for the Legislative Council Staff by \$54,402 and 0.7 FTE in FY 2015-16 and \$30,252 and 0.4 FTE in FY 2016-17 and thereafter.***

Legislative Council will have one-time implementation costs for 0.3 FTE Application Developer to create a semi-automated web-based system to aggregate and publish BFIs received. Total costs are based on the assumption that 1,150 legislative measures and executive rules will require a BFI notice each year, prepared by a Research Analyst. Of this number:

- 300 bills will receive no comments and due to an automated system will not require any staff time to process;
- 250 rules will have no comments, but due to some manual processing, will require staff 10 minutes each to prepare a notice;
- 200 bills and 225 rules will have up to 15 comments, requiring staff 1 hour each to prepare a notice;
- 75 bills and 60 rules will have up to 49 comments, requiring staff 2 hours each to prepare a notice; and
- 25 bills and 15 rules will have greater than 50 comments, requiring staff 4 hours each to prepare a notice.

<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
Personal Services	\$44,640	\$24,552
FTE	0.7	0.4
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	665	380
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	9,097	5,320
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,402</b>	<b>\$30,252</b>

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

**Other state agencies.** State agencies within the executive branch are not expected to experience any increase in workload in order for Legislative Council Staff to obtain notification of proposed rule-making, as this can be accomplished through existing communication channels.

**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 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$5,637	\$3,219
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	3,460	2,101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,097</b>	<b>\$5,320</b>

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

**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 Appropriations**

For FY 2015-16, this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$45,305 and 0.7 FTE to Legislative Council.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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