

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Singer; Tate	Bill Status: House Public Health Care and Human Services
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BILL TOPIC: WARN PREGNANT WOMEN MARIJUANA RISKS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
Cash Funds	Minimal increase.	
State Expenditures	Increased workload.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to promulgate rules requiring licensed medical marijuana centers and retail marijuana stores to display signs warning pregnant women about the potential risks caused by marijuana. The rules will include specific language developed in consultation with the Department of Public Health and Environment (DPHE) that must be included on the sign. The centers and stores are responsible for the costs of the signs. Finally, the bill prohibits centers and stores from knowingly advertising to pregnant woman.

State Revenue

This bill may increase cash fund revenue to the Marijuana Cash Fund from penalties from violating the new rules associated with the bill. This amount depends on the number of violations on which the DOR takes enforcement action, but is anticipated to be minimal.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase the workload of the DOR in FY 2015-16 for rulemaking and enforcement and the DPHE for consultation. The DOR will promulgate new rules and then inform the industry of the new rules. Enforcement of the new rules will become part of routine medical marijuana center and retail store inspections in FY 2015-16 and continue thereafter. Penalties from enforcement actions range from fees or fines, to a warning letter, or in extreme circumstances, license revocation. These activities can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Revenue

Public Health and Environment

Law