Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE and LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT

Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Brown; Court Bill Status: House Local Government

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BILL TOPIC: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TASK FORCE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload and potential cost increases. See State Expenditures section.	
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 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Task Force during the 2015 interim. The task force is created to study the issue of driving OHVs on roads and to make related recommendations to the General Assembly, including proposed legislation.

The House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Senate President, and Senate Minority Leader are to appoint 13 members to the task force. Under the bill, the following groups are required to be represented:

- the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources committee;
- the House Finance committee;
- the Senate:
- the Colorado State Patrol in the Department of Public Safety;
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources;
- county commissioners;
- sheriffs;
- · the environmental community;
- an association of hunting outfitters;
- an active member of an off-road recreation club or association; and
- powersports dealers.

The task force must convene no later than October 15, 2015, and select a chair from its membership at the first meeting. The chair is encouraged to call no more meetings than necessary, and meet no more than twice, if possible. The task force may meet within the committee hearing rooms of the Capitol, subject to availability. Its report, including any recommended legislation, is due to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015. The bill is repealed effective July 1, 2017.

State Expenditures

This bill increases workload in the Legislative Department and state agencies by a minimal amount. Overall, this workload increase is expected to be accomplished within existing appropriations. In addition, this bill may increase travel and per diem costs in the agencies that are involved on the task force.

Assumptions. The fiscal note makes the following assumptions:

- The bill is not creating a regular interim committee.
- Because the bill authorizes the task force to recommend legislation, support from the Legislative Department is required for the purposes of bill drafting.
- Travel or per diem costs for task force members will be incurred by the agency that the task force member represents.
- The task force will only meet during the 2015 interim.

Legislative Department. The Office of Legislative Legal Services will assist the task force in bill drafting during the 2015 interim; however, this workload is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing appropriations. In addition, General Assembly workload will increase minimally for legislators to attend task force meetings. Costs may also increase in the General Assembly to cover per diem allowances and actually and necessary expenses. The fiscal note assumes these costs will be minimal and that no additional appropriations will be required.

State agencies. To the extent that state agency staff is involved with the task force, it will be expected to incur travel costs. These costs cannot be quantified due to the unknown nature of the task force membership and the number and location of meetings. The fiscal note assumes these costs will be minimal and that no additional appropriations will be required.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that county commissioners or sheriffs participate on the task force, costs will be incurred by those agencies for travel and actual and necessary expenses.

Effective Date

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

Technical Note

The bill does not specify staffing for the task force. It does not address the interim committee process. It does not discuss whether the task force's proposed legislation will impact a legislator's bill limit. It does not address whether reimbursement for travel or necessary and actual expenses is available to task force members.

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