Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE FISCAL IMPACT

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BILL TOPIC: BD OF LAND COMMNS USE FUND FOR MAINTENANCE COSTS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds	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

This bill allows the State Board of Land Commissioners (state land board) to spend up to \$1 million from the Investment and Development Fund for certain asset maintenance purposes.

Background

The state land board manages land and mineral rights granted by the federal government to Colorado at statehood to generate revenue for public schools and other state institutions. Revenue is derived mainly through leases for agricultural and recreational purposes, development of mineral rights and commercial property, and interest earned on invested funds. The state land board is established in the state constitution as an independent body. It is housed in the Department of Natural Resources.

Current law allows the board to allocate up to \$5 million per year of the revenue generated from state school lands to the Investment and Development Fund for the purpose of increasing the income and value of land and assets managed by the board. Money in the fund may not currently be used for asset maintenance.

State Expenditures

The bill expands the uses of certain state moneys, but it does not necessarily increase state expenditures. Expenditures from the Investment and Development Fund are set by the state land board and vary annually. Based on current plans, the board is expected to spend about \$500,000 of the amount made available by this bill for maintenance. Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the board.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Natural Resources