

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

NO FISCAL IMPACT

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BILL TOPIC: STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOVERNANCE

Summary of Legislation

This bill, **recommended by the Legislative Audit Committee**, changes the way the board of directors for the Colorado State Historical Society is selected. Under current law, the board is elected by members of the Historical Society. Under this bill, the Governor appoints five members to the board with the consent of the Senate. Four additional members are then selected by the board, and submitted to the Governor for approval and appointment, again with the consent of the Senate. Members appointed to the board have the authority to act on behalf of the board prior to confirmation by the Senate. The bill also establishes the Director's Council of the State Historical Society to advise the board. Members of the council are elected by members of the Historical Society.

Background

The Colorado State Historical Society is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1879 and serving as an educational institution of the state since 1915. The society is a division of the Department of Higher Education.

Assessment

Changing the method for selecting the governing body of the Colorado State Historical Society will not change the expenditures or revenue of the Department of Higher Education or any other state agency. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

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.

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