

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: CERTAIN PRIVATE ORG SUBJECT TO CORA REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required:		

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill modifies the definition of public records under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) to include all writings made, maintained, or kept by a private organization that receives monies transferred by the state or a political subdivision on behalf of a public employee or taxpayer and involves the receipt or expenditure of moneys. The bill clarifies that an expenditure under CORA is defined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Background

Under current law, private organizations that receive moneys transferred by the state or a political subdivision on behalf of a public employee or a taxpayer are not subject to CORA.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase expenditures for the Judicial Department. The bill may increase workload in the trial courts by a minimal amount. The bill may increase the number of petitions filed as a result of denied CORA requests. Any workload increase will be dependent on the number of private organizations that will be impacted by the legislation. The fiscal note assumes that any workload increase will be minimal and can be addressed within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

The bill may increase workload for local governments by a minimal amount. Local government agencies that transfer moneys to private organizations may experience an increase in workload due to CORA requests. However, any potential workload increase is anticipated to be minimal.

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 and Local Government Contacts

All Departments