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Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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**HOUSE BILL 15-1335**

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**(None),**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES**  
102              **REVIEW THE FISCAL IMPACT OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**  
103              **CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT**  
104              **MEET DURING THE INTERIM.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill requires the general assembly to provide by legislative rule for legislative service agency review of the fiscal impact of legislative measures considered by committees of the general assembly meeting

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

during the legislative interim. For each interim, the deadlines and guidelines adopted prior to each interim by the executive committee of the legislative council for requesting and finalizing interim committee bills must allow for sufficient time between the public release of the fiscal note by the staff of the legislative council for a particular measure and the final vote by the applicable legislative committee so that members of the committee are able to consider the fiscal note in voting on the measure. For each interim, the specific dates by which these requirements will be satisfied must be specified in the applicable set of deadlines and guidelines for that interim. All other requirements governing fiscal notes for legislative measures considered during the regular legislative session also govern fiscal notes considered by interim committees.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds, determines, and declares that:

4 (a) Fiscal notes are a critically important component of informed  
5 decision making by legislators because they allow legislators to  
6 understand the complete fiscal impact of potential legislation on all levels  
7 of government;

8 (b) Understanding the fiscal impact a bill will have on state  
9 government, local government, or the state's economy is a vital piece of  
10 information in allowing legislators to make informed decisions on  
11 whether the bill should move forward;

12 (c) Interim committees provide a helpful tool for legislators to  
13 better understand public policy dilemmas by allowing legislators the  
14 opportunity to study a given subject in greater depth than is typically  
15 possible during the legislative session;

16 (d) Currently, the fiscal impact of legislative measures are not  
17 available for interim committee review at the time the measures are being  
18 considered;

19 (e) Providing members of interim committees a fiscal note to

1 accompany the legislative measures being considered would give the  
2 members a more thorough understanding of the public policy impacts of  
3 such legislation before, in many cases, recommending such legislation to  
4 the legislative council as an approved interim committee bill.

5 (2) By enacting this legislation, the general assembly intends to  
6 provide legislators serving on interim committees more information as to  
7 the fiscal impacts of the legislative proposals by requiring a fiscal note to  
8 be prepared for each legislative measure considered by the interim  
9 committee.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-322, **add** (4) as  
11 follows:

12 **2-2-322. Fiscal notes.** (4) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER  
13 REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION OR IN THE LEGISLATIVE RULES FOR  
14 LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCY REVIEW OF THE FISCAL IMPACT OF  
15 LEGISLATIVE MEASURES, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ALSO PROVIDE  
16 ■ FOR LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCY REVIEW OF THE FISCAL IMPACT OF  
17 LEGISLATIVE MEASURES CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY MEETING DURING THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM. FOR EACH  
19 INTERIM, THE DEADLINES AND GUIDELINES ADOPTED PRIOR TO EACH  
20 INTERIM BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR  
21 REQUESTING AND FINALIZING INTERIM COMMITTEE BILLS MUST ALLOW FOR  
22 SUFFICIENT TIME BETWEEN THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE FISCAL NOTE FOR  
23 A PARTICULAR MEASURE BY THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND  
24 THE FINAL VOTE BY THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE SO  
25 THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE ABLE TO CONSIDER THE FISCAL  
26 NOTE IN VOTING ON THE MEASURE. FOR EACH INTERIM, THE SPECIFIC  
27 DATES BY WHICH THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SATISFIED MUST BE

1 SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICABLE SET OF DEADLINES AND GUIDELINES FOR  
2 THAT INTERIM. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4),  
3 ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCY  
4 REVIEW OF THE FISCAL IMPACT OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES CONSIDERED  
5 DURING REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS THAT ARE SPECIFIED IN THIS  
6 SECTION OR IN THE LEGISLATIVE RULES ALSO GOVERN THE REQUIREMENTS  
7 OF THIS SUBSECTION (4).

8 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.