

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Sias

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BILL TOPIC: FISCAL NOTES FOR INTERIM COMMITTEE BILLS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-15 Current Year	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
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

Under current law, fiscal notes are prepared for all bills introduced in the legislature, including interim committee bills that were approved by the 18-member Legislative Council for introduction in the following regular legislative session. This bill requires that a fiscal note be prepared for all bills considered by interim committees, before the committee votes on recommendations to the Legislative Council. It also requires that the deadlines for requesting bills be adjusted so that each interim committee is granted sufficient time to consider the fiscal note before voting on recommended legislation.

Background

Interim committees generally meet between the months of June and September to hear testimony, discuss issues, and recommend legislation for the following legislative session. At the end of each interim, usually around mid-October, all such recommendations are subject to review and approval by the Legislative Council before being introduced in the following regular session.

State Expenditures

The bill expands the work of the Legislative Council Staff (LCS) to research and write fiscal notes, and will require that interim committee bill drafts be prepared earlier by the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS), but these changes will not affect state expenditures. Both LCS and OLLS are already responsible for staffing interim committees, including conducting research and drafting proposed legislation.

For LCS, the bill requires a fiscal note for all interim committee bills, including bills that would otherwise not have been approved for introduction, which creates a minimal increase in workload. On average, each fiscal note takes approximately 12-14 hours of staff time over a period of time that usually spans two weeks. For OLLS, the bill requires that bill drafts be prepared earlier so that a fiscal analysis can be prepared and the members of the committee have sufficient time to review the fiscal note before voting, thereby changing the schedule but not the overall workload.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

All Departments

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