

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Grantham Rep. Hamner	Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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BILL TOPIC: ESTABLISH STATE ARCHIVES FEES WITHOUT RULE-MAKING

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload reduction.	
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, ***recommended by the Joint Budget Committee***, eliminates a statutory requirement that fees for the State Archives in the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) are established through a formal rulemaking process.

Background

The State Archives are the official repository for state public records, particularly materials related to the business of state agencies and certain other governmental entities. Fees in the State Archives cover costs to research legislative history and other records, to certify records, provide notary services, and expedite rush services. The most recent rulemaking concerning State Archives fees, effective July 1, 2013, resulted in the consolidation of approximately 60 fee rates into the current rate schedule of 8 fees. Outside of the State Archives, the DPA sets all other fees under its administration by policy, without formal rulemaking.

State Expenditures

The bill results in a minimal workload reduction for the DPA. Occasional adjustment of State Archives fees will no longer require expenditure of DPA resources to conduct formal rulemaking. Savings under the bill are minimal due to the infrequency of fee adjustments (i.e., less than once per fiscal year). The bill does not require fee adjustments or otherwise change the frequency of fee setting.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Personnel and Administration

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