

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Lee; Fields Sen. Crowder	Bill Status: House Business, Affairs and Labor
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BILL TOPIC: EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND SPOUSES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$252,223</u>	<u>\$247,777</u>
General Fund	252,223	247,777
FTE Position Change	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE
Appropriation Required: \$500,000 - Department of Labor and Employment (FY 2015-16)		

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates a grant program to be developed by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). Grants will be awarded to one or more workforce centers to fund the development and expansion of programs to provide specific workforce development-related services to veterans and their spouses.

County workforce centers selected by the CDLE are required to report to the CDLE director who will relay the information from the reports to the General Assembly's applicable committees of reference annually.

The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 which rolls over into the next fiscal year if not expended. The program is repealed January 1, 2018.

State Expenditures

This bill provides \$500,000 in FY 2015-16 from the General Fund for a grant program that is expected to be spent by the CDLE over two fiscal years, as show in Table 1.

After covering the costs of administration, a total of \$398,532 will be available for grant awards. Table 1 below illustrates the costs for the bill. The CDLE will add a grant administrator to develop and implement the grant program. The grant administrator will develop grant application guidelines, process grant applications, award grants, provide technical expertise, and monitor grant recipients and contracts. Costs include \$3,000 in travel each year for the grant administrator to conduct on-site program reviews.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB15-1336		
Cost Components	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
Personal Services	\$31,899	\$31,899
FTE	0.5 FTE	0.5 FTE
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	5,178	475
Travel	3,000	3,000
Grant Awards	199,266	199,266
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	12,880	13,137
TOTAL	\$252,223	\$247,777

** Centrally appropriated costs are assumed to be included in the bill's appropriation.*

Local Government Impact

This bill will increase workforce development funding to counties that receive grant awards through the grant program for their workforce centers. Awards will depend on which counties qualify for grants and submit grant applications.

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 Appropriations

For FY 2015-16, the Department of Labor and Employment requires a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 and an allocation of 0.5 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Labor and Employment

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