



# Legislative Council Staff Research Note

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## Bill Number

**Senate Bill 16-031**

## Sponsors

**Senator Steadman  
Representative Dore**

## Short Title

**Authority Of Office of  
Legislative Legal Services  
Director To Sign Vouchers**

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## Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed by the Governor and became effective on March 18, 2016.

## Summary

This bill, recommended by the Committee on Legal Services, allows the staff director of the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS), or the director's designee with the written approval of the chair, to sign any voucher that does not exceed \$5,000.

## Background

Under current law, the chair of the Committee on Legal Services, or the vice-chair in the absence of the chair, must sign any voucher for expenditures of OLLS. The staff director of OLLS is appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-503, C.R.S.

## Committee on Legal Services Action

***Committee on Legal Services (October 7, 2015).*** The Committee on Legal Services and the director of OLLS discussed a potential bill concerning the authority of the director to sign vouchers for expenses up to a specific amount. The committee adopted a motion to request such a draft bill.

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**Committee on Legal Services (December 15, 2015).** The Committee on Legal Services considered the bill, and unanimously adopted a motion to sponsor the bill. Senator Steadman and Representative Dore were assigned as prime sponsors.

## Senate Action

**Senate Judiciary Committee (January 20, 2016).** The committee received no testimony on the bill, and referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole, with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

**Senate second reading (January 25, 2016).** The Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

**Senate third reading (January 26, 2016).** The Senate adopted the bill, unamended, on third reading.

## House Action

**House Judiciary Committee (February 18, 2016).** The committee received no testimony on the bill, and referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

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