

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0301  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Grantham

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**Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING DESIGNATING FORT CARSON POLICE OFFICERS AS PEACE OFFICERS.

| <b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>   | <b>FY 2013-2014</b>  | <b>FY 2014-2015</b> |
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| <b>State Revenue</b>   | Potential increase - See State Revenue and Expenditures section. |                     |
| <b>State Expenditures</b>  |  |                     |
| <b>FTE Position Change</b>   |  |                     |
| <b>Effective Date:</b> August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed. |  |                     |
| <b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.  |  |                     |
| <b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.  |  |                     |

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill designates Fort Carson police officers as peace officers of the state. Under this bill, Fort Carson police officers who hold certification from the Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) board have the full authority of state peace officers. This bill allows Fort Carson police officers to obtain P.O.S.T. certification.

The Fort Carson police are a federal civilian law enforcement agency whose jurisdiction includes Fort Carson and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, including all related fixed and mobile properties. A Fort Carson police officer's authority includes the power to arrest, with probable cause, while engaged in his or her duties.

**State Revenue and Expenditures**

To the extent that Fort Carson police officers choose to apply for P.O.S.T. certification, state revenue and workload could increase. Currently, applicants must pay \$39.50 to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety for a background and fingerprint check, and \$125 to the Attorney General's Office to take the exam.

Fort Carson currently has 52 police officers, nine of which hold Colorado P.O.S.T. certification. As it is unknown how many officers would choose to apply for P.O.S.T. certification status, no estimate has been provided, however, this analysis assumes the increase in revenue and state expenditures will be minimal. In addition, as many crimes against peace officers call for enhanced penalties, state costs could increase as a result of any future crimes committed against Fort Carson police officers acting as peace officers. This amount has not been estimated, but is anticipated to be minimal.

**Departments Contacted**

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