

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

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TITLE: CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS TASK FORCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$56,362	\$56,362
FTE Position Change	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *as amended by the Senate Education Committee*, creates the Educational Success Legislative Committee (committee) to oversee the work of the Educational Success Task Force (ESTF), created pursuant to Senate Bill 11-111, and extends the work of both the ESTF and the legislative committee until July 1, 2018.

The legislative committee consists of eight legislators, four from each chamber. The committee must meet at least four times with the ESTF, and may meet other times as necessary. Committee members may attend ESTF meetings and/or participate in subcommittees. The committee may recommend legislative changes based on the findings and recommendations of the task force. Members may be compensated for attending meetings.

Under current law, the ESTF is created in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and is comprised of both legislative and non-legislative members. This bill removes the task force from the CDE and legislative membership is empaneled as a separate legislative committee. Membership on the citizen-member ESTF is limited to 20. The State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education jointly appoint members of the ESTF, and Legislative Council Staff and Legislative Legal Services Staff are required to provide staff support to both the legislative oversight committee and the ESTF. The ESTF is required to submit an annual report to the legislative committee.

State Expenditures

For both FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15, this bill has total costs of \$56,362 and 0.8 FTE.
 State expenditures are displayed in Table 1 and described below.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB13-1244		
Cost Components	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Personal Services Senior Research Assistant (0.6 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.2 FTE)	\$47,290	\$47,290
Committee Member Reimbursement (8 members * \$189 * 6 meetings)	9,072	9,072
TOTAL	\$56,362	\$56,362

Legislative branch. The legislature is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly. Funding is available for four committees during the 2013 interim; however, interim committees authorized to meet beyond the 2013 interim limits the availability of resources to support multiple committees in future interim sessions. If the interim committees in this bill are designated by the Legislative Council to be two of the prioritized committees, existing appropriations are sufficient to cover all costs to the branch, including the staff time of legislative service agencies. If this interim committee is not so designated, the Legislative Branch will incur additional costs to support the interim committee, as shown in Table 1.

The committee includes 6 legislators, all of whom are entitled to per diem and reimbursement for expenses. Reimbursement for travel and expenses is calculated to cover the cost of travel into the metro area. This fiscal note assumes the committee will meet at least four times with the ESTF and twice more to request that legislation be drafted and to approve committee bills for introduction in the 2014 legislative session.

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this resolution are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this resolution. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB13-1244		
Cost Components	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-13
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$4,235	\$4,235
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	3,185	3,604
TOTAL	\$7,420	\$7,839

*More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>

State Appropriations

If the two committees created in the bill are prioritized by the Legislative Council and included as part of the Legislative Branch budget for FY 2013-14, no appropriation is required. If not, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$56,362 and 0.8 FTE to the Legislative Branch in FY 2013-14.

Departments Contacted

Education Higher Education Legal Services Legislative Council