

**LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Swalm
 Sen. Kefalas

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Bill Status: House Local Government
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY FOR COUNTIES TO PURCHASE CRIME INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC TRUSTEES IN LIEU OF SURETY BONDS.

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

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, public trustees are required to execute a performance bond valued at \$10,000 (for treasurers serving as public trustees in 53 counties, including Broomfield) or \$25,000 (for the public trustee in Denver and the 10 other counties where the public trustee is appointed by the governor). The bill authorizes counties to purchase crime insurance for a public trustee in lieu of the performance bond.

Local Government Impact

The bill results in potential savings for counties that elect to purchase crime insurance in lieu of a performance bond. Crime insurance is generally less expensive and less time-consuming to purchase than a bond through a surety company, though savings will be minimal based on pricing and four-year terms of office between purchases. Counties will retain the ability to comply with statute using either a bond or crime insurance, and the fiscal note assumes counties will switch options only when it is cost-effective.

Departments Contacted

Local Affairs

Counties

Public Trustees