

**LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0570  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. May  
 Sen. Kefalas

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**Bill Status:** House Public Health Care and  
 Human Services  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING REDUCING INEFFICIENCY IN THE ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION PROCESS FOR THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<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> Potential savings. See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, persons receiving cash assistance through the Colorado Works program must have their eligibility redetermined annually and appear in person at the county department of human services. The bill removes the requirement that recipients appear in person during the redetermination process.

**Local Government Impact**

Removal of the in-person requirement gives counties additional discretion in collecting the information needed to conduct the redetermination. To the extent that alternate methods are pursued and in-person meetings reduced, counties likely can increase the efficiency and timely processing of annual eligibility determination and increase time spent on other case management and administrative duties. Counties may still choose to conduct an in-person redetermination for some or all clients.

The bill may result in additional clients completing the redetermination process or doing so in a faster time period, which could eliminate gaps in eligibility for some clients and increase cash assistance payments provided. Any additional spending is expected to be minimal and would be absorbed within the existing county block grants or county reserves, and would not increase state appropriations for Colorado Works.

**Departments Contacted**

Human Services      Counties