

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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| Drafting Number: LLS 13-0317 | Date: January 9, 2013 |
| Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Navarro-Ratzlaff Sen. Baumgardner | Bill Status: House Business, Labor, Economic, and Workforce Development |
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF SMALL BUSINESS FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS BY THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

| Fiscal Impact Summary | FY 2013-2014 | FY 2014-2015 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | | |
| General Fund | \$33,528 | \$30,706 |
| FTE Position Change | 0.6 FTE | 0.6 FTE |
| 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: Legislative Council Staff requires a General Fund appropriation of \$33,528 and 0.6 FTE. | | |
| Local Government Impact: None. | | |

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the Legislative Council Staff to prepare a small business fiscal impact (SBFI) statement for each legislative measure (bill) introduced by a member of the General Assembly. Comments must be submitted within a five-day window designated by staff, between two and four days after the bill's introduction. SBFI statements are to provide a summary, but no analysis, of comments received from the public and must be attached to the bill's fiscal note.

State Expenditures

This bill will increase state General Fund expenditures for the Legislative Council Staff by \$33,528 and 0.6 FTE in FY 2013-14 and \$30,706 and 0.6 FTE in FY 2014-15. These costs are based on the assumption that 600 bills will require a SBFI statement each year, prepared by a Research Associate II (0.5 FTE). Of this number:

- 300 bills will have no comments, requiring staff 10 minutes to prepare a statement;
- 200 bills will have up to 15 comments, requiring staff 1 hour to prepare a statement;
- 75 bills will have up to 49 comments, requiring staff 2 hours to prepare a statement; and

- 25 bills will have greater than 50 comments, requiring staff 4 hours to prepare a statement.

In addition, a staff assistant (0.1 FTE) will spend an average of 10 minutes for each of the 600 bills compiling, scanning, and distributing comments received. This analysis assumes that dissemination of comments will be done electronically. Expenditures include operating costs for staff and capital outlay costs in the first year.

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 1.

| Table 1. Expenditures Not Included Under HB13-1069* | | |
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| Cost Components | FY 2013-14 | FY 2014-15 |
| Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability) | \$3,328 | \$3,328 |
| Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments | 1,850 | 2,093 |
| TOTAL | \$5,178 | \$5,421 |

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

State Appropriations

Legislative Council Staff requires a General Fund appropriation of \$33,528 and 0.6 FTE for FY 2013-14.

Departments Contacted

Legislative Council Staff