

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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 Sen. Hudak

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TITLE: CONCERNING RECREATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL READINESS LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$31,565	\$31,565
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	0.4 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

The bill reestablishes the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission as an interim legislative committee beginning in the 2013 interim. The commission is to be supported by legislative staff and members of the commission are eligible for per diem and reimbursement of expenses. The ten members of the commission are appointed by legislative leadership and the chairmanship of the commission rotates between the two chambers annually. The commission is repealed on July 1, 2018. The commission previously operated as an interim committee between 2009 and 2012.

State Expenditures

The commission will require \$31,565 and 0.4 FTE per year, however, the legislature is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly so an appropriation may not be needed. Based on the existing workload for ongoing interim and year-round committees, it is estimated that funding is available for up to four additional committees during the 2013 interim. If the committee established by this bill is designated by the Legislative Council to be one of the prioritized committees, no additional appropriation will be required.

If this interim committee is not designated by the Legislative Council to be one of the prioritized committees, or if the costs of this interim committee are not included in the budgeted amount, the Legislative Branch will incur additional costs as shown in Table 1 to support the interim committee.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB13-1007		
Cost Components	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Personal Services <i>Senior Research Assistant (0.3 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.1 FTE)</i>	\$23,645	\$23,645
Legislator Per Diem and Expenses (10 members*\$198*4 meetings)	7,920	7,920
TOTAL	\$31,565	\$31,565

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 if the commission is not designated by the Legislative Council as a prioritized interim committee are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB13-1007*		
Cost Components	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$2,420	\$2,420
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	1,723	1,949
TOTAL	\$4,143	\$4,369

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

State Appropriations

If the committee is 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 \$31,565 and 0.4 FTE to the Legislative Branch in FY 2013-14.

Departments Contacted

Legislative Council

Legislative Legal Services