

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**LOCAL
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Hamner

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Bill Status: House Second Reading
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SHORT TITLE: PROHIB AG BURNING FIRE DANGER & RESTRICT FIREWORKS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill, *as amended by the House Local Government Committee*, expands the authority of county governments to regulate fires. Under the bill, counties may restrict agricultural burning on "red flag" days, when a red flag warning or high wind warning have been issued by the National Weather Service or other evidence supports a finding of high fire risk. A county that adopts an ordinance or resolution to restrict agricultural burning must designate the agency responsible for administering burn restrictions. The bill also authorizes counties to regulate fireworks at all times of year, amending existing statute that generally prohibits counties from enforcing regulations concerning the sale, use, and possession of fireworks between May 31 and July 5 of each year.

Local Government Impact

The bill increases county government expenditures. For county governments that adopt legislation addressing agricultural burns or seasonal fireworks sales between May 31 and July 5, costs may increase to implement such legislation. Costs, if any, may include processing agricultural burn permits or conducting law enforcement activities. Such implementation costs will vary between jurisdictions and depend on the specific content of the county resolution or ordinance.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety
 Local Affairs
 Sheriffs

Public Health and Environment
 Special Districts
 Municipalities

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 Counties