

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Foote; Humphrey **Bill Status:** House Judiciary
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SHORT TITLE: CDPS EMER MGMT ENTITIES & DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill reorganizes certain functions within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) related to emergency management. It also eliminates the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council and authorizes the Governor to provide financial assistance to individuals and families upon a gubernatorial declaration rather than requiring a presidential declaration of a disaster emergency.

The bill eliminates the Colorado Emergency Planning Commission (CEPC) within DPS and transfers the portion of its functions that relate to training personnel and local emergency planning to the emergency planning subcommittee, which is established as a permanent body under the existing Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee. The membership, terms, and responsibilities of the subcommittee are defined, including the requirement that members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of certain travel expenses. The subcommittee is scheduled for sunset review and repeal on September 1, 2019. The portion of the CEPC's responsibilities that relates to the federal "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986" is transferred to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management of DPS.

State Expenditures

Overall, this bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on state expenditures by creating efficiencies in some areas and increasing workload in other areas. None of the impacts described below are anticipated to alter appropriations for any state agency.

Assumptions. This analysis assumes the bill will not alter workload for DPS or the Departments of Local Affairs or Public Safety to participate on the new subcommittee because staff from these agencies is currently participating on the CEPC in a similar capacity.

Governor's Office. This bill could create workload efficiencies by streamlining the process for providing aid to individuals and families during disaster emergencies.

Department of Public Safety. Minimal workload is created in the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in DPS as a result of the transfer of the CEPC's responsibilities related to the federal "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986."

Department of Regulatory Agencies. The bill requires the new subcommittee to undergo a sunset review process prior to its repeal date of September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

Overall, this bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on workload for local governments. First, the bill could result in minor delays in training of emergency personnel as the state transitions to its new organizational structure. Second, the bill could affect local governments by allowing financial aid from the state to flow more quickly during a disaster emergency. The fiscal note assumes that workload for local governments participating on the subcommittee will be similar to the requirements for participation on the existing CEPC, resulting in no net change in workload.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Municipalities
Regulatory Agencies

Governor's Office
Public Health
Sheriffs

Local Affairs
Public Safety
Special Districts