

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Duran Sen. Lambert	Bill Status: House Appropriations Fiscal Analyst: Kori Donaldson (303-866-4976)

SHORT TITLE: FUNDING FOR DIGITAL TRUNKED RADIO SYS MAINTENANCE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2013-14 Current Year	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue	See State Revenue section.		
<i>State Transfer**</i> Cash Funds		(\$2,625,000)	
State Expenditures	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
General Fund Cash Funds	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
FTE Position Change			
Appropriation Required: \$3.5 million - OIT (FY 2013-14); and \$3.5 million - OIT (FY 2014-15)			

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

** Under current law, a decrease in General Fund revenue in FY 2013-14 will reduce the amount transferred to the State Education Fund in FY 2014-15.

Summary of Legislation

The bill, as amended by the **House Finance Committee**, establishes a \$3.5 million annual appropriation beginning in FY 2013-14 and continuing for 12 years from the General Fund or any other designated fund to replace legacy radio equipment and hardware at radio tower sites that are part of the Digital Trunked Radio System (DTRS). In addition, beginning in FY 2017-18 and continuing for eight years, the bill establishes an annual appropriation of \$3.7 million from the General Fund or any other designated fund to upgrade and maintain software used to operate the DTRS. The General Assembly shall annually determine the amount to be appropriated from the General Fund or any other designated fund source.

Background

The DTRS is a statewide public safety, two-way radio communication system. The system is used by state and local government agencies such as the Department of Corrections and local sheriffs for day-to-day communications and to improve interagency cooperation and coordination in first responder situations.

State Revenue

Current law transfers 75 percent of the General Fund surplus in FY 2013-14 to the State Education Fund. This bill increases FY 2013-14 General Fund expenditures by \$3.5 million, thereby reducing the State Education Fund transfer by \$2.6 million in FY 2014-15.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase state expenditures for the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT), which manages the DTRS, by \$3,500,000 per year beginning in FY 2013-14 through FY 2016-17. Beginning in FY 2017-18, it will increase state expenditures by up to \$7.2 million per year through FY 2024-25. The costs will be paid from the General Fund and any other designated source. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the costs will be paid from General Fund in FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 the bill requires an appropriation of \$3.5 million General Fund to the Public Safety Communications Trust Fund, in each year, unless another fund source is designated for some or all of the appropriation amount. For FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 the bill requires an appropriation of \$3.5 million from the Public Safety Communications Trust Fund to OIT, in each year.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections	Fire Chiefs
Natural Resources	Office of Information Technology
Public Safety	Sheriffs
Transportation	