

State Expenditures

This bill will result in a minimal workload reduction in trial courts in FY 2014-15 and each year thereafter. The earphone use exemption in the bill will likely create a reduction in the number of court filings for this offense, assuming some of the filings related to the earphone usage the bill identifies. The current county caseload model indicates that one full-time judicial officer can process 30,207 traffic infractions, therefore the workload reduction is expected to be minimal and no reduction in appropriations is required.

Local Government Impact

This bill will decrease HUTF revenue to local governments beginning in FY 2014-15, due to an anticipated reduction in traffic infractions. The bill also results in a minimal revenue reduction for municipalities, which are expected to have a decrease in fine revenue to the extent that they have adopted the model traffic code. Because no data is available on fines collected for this traffic infraction at the municipal level, the fiscal impact cannot be determined. Finally, the bill will result in a workload reduction for Denver County Court, which is funded entirely by the City and County of Denver. The Denver County Court is expected to have a reduction in the number of filings for this traffic offense and a minimal workload reduction as a result.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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