



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Weissmann Sen. Morse	<b>Bill Status:</b> House SVMA
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING CONTRACTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
General Fund - reduction	(\$1,131)	(\$1,131)
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> See State Appropriations section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Recommended by the legislature's Executive Committee, this bill changes the approval requirement for certain legislative contracts, making them subject to approval by the Office of Legislative Legal Services instead of the state controller and the attorney general. It applies to all contracts except those relating to the leasing of real and personal property.

**State Expenditures**

This bill reduces state General Fund expenditures by about \$1,131 per year in the legislative branch. These annual savings reflect an estimated 15 hours of contract review by the Department of Law that will no longer be required. The department currently bills the legislative branch for this service at a rate of \$75.38 per hour, just like other client agencies. The Long Bill has historically provided an appropriation for 188 hours of legal services, although the actual number of billable hours has often varied from this amount. For FY 2009-10, this appropriation was \$14,171. Beginning in FY 2010-11, the bill would reduce the required appropriation to \$13,040.

The bill also eliminates the role of the state controller's office in the Department of Personnel and Administration (DPA) in reviewing legislative contracts, although appropriations for DPA will not change. DPA contract review functions are paid through a centralized General Fund appropriation that covers the cost of reviewing all of the state's contracts.

Under the bill, legislative contracts will be reviewed and approved by the Office of Legislative Legal Services with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

**State Appropriations**

For FY 2010-11, the General Fund appropriation to the Legislative Department for legal services should be reduced by \$1,131.

**Departments Contacted**

Law

Legislature

Personnel and Administration