


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kefalas
 Sen. Boyd

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Bill Status: Postponed Indefinitely
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	\$8,116 *	
FTE Position Change	0.1 FTE*	
Effective Date: The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 16, 2012.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

** Costs are only incurred if the Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force meets without Legislative approval or sufficient funding from gifts, grants, and donations.*

Summary of Legislation

The bill makes several changes to the Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force, an interim committee of the General Assembly created in statute by House Bill 10-1064. These changes include:

- requiring the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to jointly appoint a vice-chairperson to the task force;
- clarifying procedures for filling vacancies on the task force;
- allowing the task force to meet, even if funding is not provided for the task force as part of the Legislative Branch budget or through gifts, grants, and donations, if the chairperson and vice-chairperson determine that sufficient resources are available for the task force to meet;
- specifying that if the task force meets without funding from the Legislative Branch budget or gifts, grants, and donations that members are to serve without reimbursement of expenses, and that the task force shall not have staff support from the legislative service agencies, except for the drafting of bills by the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

Under current law, the task force cannot meet if the task force is not prioritized by the Legislative Council as an interim committee funded in the Legislative Branch budget or if sufficient gifts, grants, and donations are not received.

State Expenditures

The legislature is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly. Funding is available for five committees during the 2012 interim, however, two interim studies authorized during the 2011 legislative session will carry on through FY 2012-13. These multi-year studies were authorized by Senate Bill 11-111 (Education Success Task Force) and Senate Bill 11-200 (Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Oversight Committee). As a result, current funding is available in FY 2012-13 for only three additional committees that require legislative staff support.

Under current law, the task force may meet with the approval of the Legislative Council or if grant funding is received in the Legislative Department Cash Fund. If the task force meets *with* legislative or grant funding, the Legislative Branch will not require additional appropriations. For *informational purposes only*, the cost to operate the task force under these funding scenarios is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Interim Committee Costs		
Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Personal Services		
0.3 FTE Researcher (\$12,172)		
0.1 FTE Staff Attorney (\$8,116)	\$20,288	\$20,288
Legislator Per Diem and Expenses		
(10 members * \$187 * 4 meetings)	7,480	7,480
TOTAL	\$27,768	\$27,768

If the task force meets *without* legislative approval or grant funding as allowed by the bill, OLLS will have increased personal services costs of \$8,116 and 0.1 FTE for bill drafting for an additional interim committee.

State Appropriations

If the task force is not approved by the Legislative Council as an interim committee funded through the Legislative Branch budget and no grant funding is received, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$8,116 and 0.1 FTE to the Office of Legislative Legal Services in FY 2012-13.

Departments Contacted

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