

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Harvey

**Bill Status:** Senate SVMA

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF PREPARE NOTICES OF REPORTED BUSINESS FISCAL IMPACTS.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	\$47,912	\$44,150
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	0.8 FTE	0.8 FTE
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> Legislative Council Staff requires a General Fund appropriation of \$47,912 and 0.8 FTE.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the Legislative Council Staff to prepare a notice of reported business fiscal impact (BFI) for each legislative measure (bill) introduced by a member of the General Assembly and each proposed rule-making by a department within the executive branch. Comments must be submitted within a five-day window designated by staff, between two and four days after the bill's introduction. BFI notices are to provide a summary, but no analysis, of comments received from the public and must be attached to the bill's fiscal note.

**State Expenditures**

This bill will increase state General Fund expenditures for the Legislative Council Staff by \$47,912 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2013-14 and \$44,150 and 0.8 FTE in FY 2014-15. These costs are based on the assumption that 600 bills and 550 rules will require a BFI notice each year, prepared by a Research Associate II (0.7 FTE). Of this number:

- 300 bills and 250 rules will have no comments, requiring staff 10 minutes to prepare a notice;

- 200 bills and 225 rules will have up to 15 comments, requiring staff 1 hour to prepare a notice;
- 75 bills and 60 rules will have up to 49 comments, requiring staff 2 hours to prepare a notice; and
- 25 bills and 15 rules will have greater than 50 comments, requiring staff 4 hours to prepare a notice.

In addition, a staff assistant (0.1 FTE) will spend an average of 10 minutes for each of the 600 bills and 550 rules compiling, scanning, and distributing comments received. This analysis assumes that dissemination of comments will be done electronically. Expenditures include operating costs for staff and capital outlay costs in the first year.

**Other state agencies.** State agencies within the executive branch will experience an increase in workload in order to advise Legislative Council Staff of proposed rule-making and to post notices upon their websites. This analysis assumes that the increase in workload can be accommodated within existing appropriations and that it will not substitute existing methods for public comment on proposed rules.

### **Expenditures Not Included**

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 1.

<b>Table 1. Expenditures Not Included Under SB13-020*</b>		
<b>Cost Components</b>	<b>FY 2013-14</b>	<b>FY 2014-15</b>
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$4,840	\$4,840
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	2,663	3,013
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,503</b>	<b>\$7,853</b>

\*More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>

### **State Appropriations**

Legislative Council Staff requires a General Fund appropriation of \$47,912 and 0.8 FTE for FY 2013-14.

### **Departments Contacted**

All Departments