



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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 10-0478  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Hodge  
 Rep. Fischer

**Date:** January 12, 2010  
**Bill Status:** Senate Agriculture  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE "ORGANIC CERTIFICATION ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT ORGANICS INSPECTORS AND ALTERING THE COMPOSITION OF THE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2010-2011</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Cash Funds		
Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund	\$28,112	\$28,112
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> July 1, 2010.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> See State Appropriations.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to contract with independent inspectors to conduct inspections of organic product producers and handlers under the State Organic Certification Program. The Organic Certification Advisory Board is increased from 9 to 12 members and shall include representation from the 4 categories of organic certification: crop production, livestock production, processing/handling, and wild crop handling.

**State Expenditures**

SB10-038 is expected to increase expenditures for the Department of Agriculture by \$28,112 in both FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund. Of this, \$28,000 is required for independent inspectors to conduct 50 organic certification inspections per year. The remaining \$112 is for the travel and per diem expenses associated with increasing the board size. The cash fund is supported by license and inspection fees and is expected to have sufficient revenue to fund the increased expenditures without a fee increase for the next 2 fiscal years.

**State Appropriations**

The Department of Agriculture requires an appropriation of \$28,112 from the Plant Health, Pest Control, and Environmental Protection Cash Fund for FY 2010-11.

**Departments Contacted**

Agriculture