

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note


**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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SHORT TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT MARIJUANA IMPACTS TASK FORCE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$20,877</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund	20,877	0
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	
Appropriation Required: \$20,877 - Department of Local Affairs (FY 2014-15)		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the 17-member Marijuana Impacts Task Force (task force) within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to study the local government impacts related to the cultivation, testing, sale, consumption, and regulation of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products. The task force's membership includes representatives of local and state governments, citizens of the community that supports the legalization of retail marijuana, and public defenders.

The members of the task force serve without compensation and cannot be reimbursed for expenses. Members must be appointed on or before June 13, 2014 and the first meeting of the task force must take place by July 18, 2014. Support staff for the task force will be provided by the DOLA.

The task force is charged with evaluating the impacts that the cultivation, testing, sale, consumption, and regulation of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products have on the services provided by local governments and on local governments' budgets. The task force is required to develop recommendations that may be implemented at the state or local level to help address impacts identified by the task force, if any. The task force must make written recommendations to the General Assembly, if necessary, on or before December 15, 2014. The task force is repealed July 1, 2015.

State Expenditures

The bill increases General Fund expenditures in the DOLA by \$20,877 in FY 2014-15.

DOLA. The bill requires that the DOLA provide staff support to the task force. This will require an additional 0.4 FTE Program Assistant II. The position will be temporary, lasting up to nine months. The program assistant will be responsible for coordinating meeting logistics and task

force communications, developing agendas, posting meeting notices, soliciting reports and written comments, recording public testimony, taking meeting minutes, and drafting written recommendations. It is anticipated that five monthly task force meetings will be held between July and November 2014. Under state personnel rules, temporary positions must complete all work within nine months of appointment. Table 1 shows the expenditures of the DOLA under the bill.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB14-1196	
Cost Components	FY 2014-15
Personal Services	\$20,672
FTE	0.4
Printing and postage	205
TOTAL	\$20,877

Task force membership. The bill requires that personnel from several state agencies serve as members of the task force. Task force members serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses. This bill is expected to increase the workload for those entities that are required to have representation on the task force. Workload increases are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill requires that personnel from cities, counties, and special districts serve as members of the task force. This is expected to increase the workload for local governments by a minimal amount.

Effective Date

This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Local Government Committee on April 30, 2014.

State Appropriations

For FY 2014-15, the Department of Local Affairs requires a General Fund appropriation of \$20,877 and an allocation of 0.4 FTE.

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