

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Rep. McCann

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BILL TOPIC: CO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$10,827</u>	<u>\$10,873</u>
General Fund	9,587	9,587
Centrally Appropriated Costs**	1,240	1,286
FTE Position Change	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE
Appropriation Required: \$9,587 - Legislative Department (FY 2015-16)		

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

** These costs are not included in the bill's appropriation. See the State Expenditures section for more information.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee is required to meet between two and five times per calendar year. The bill makes several changes to health exchange review committee, including:

- allowing the committee to meet an unlimited number of times during the legislative session at the call of the chair;
- allowing the committee to meet up to seven times per year outside of the session;
- increasing the bills that may be referred by the committee from 5 bills per year to 8 bills per year; and
- changing the name of the committee to the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee.

Background

The Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee was established under Senate Bill 11-200, which created the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange, which operates as Connect for Health Colorado. Connect for Health Colorado is the state's insurance exchange under the federal Affordable Care Act. Through Connect for Health Colorado, consumers may shop for and purchase health insurance, determine their eligibility for public health assistance programs such as Medicaid, and receive advance premium tax credits to help purchase qualified health insurance. The review committee has several key functions, including reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange and approving the appointment of an executive director to administer the exchange.

State Expenditures

The bill increases costs in the Legislative Department by **\$10,827 and 0.1 FTE in FY 2015-16 and \$10,873 and 0.1 FTE in FY 2016-17** and future years. These costs, summarized in Table 1, are for additional legislative staff support and the payment of per diem and expenses to legislators serving on the committee for additional meetings each year. Specifically, the fiscal note assumes that the committee will hold up to eight additional meetings per year during the session and an additional two meetings per year during the interim. Currently, the Legislative Department budget includes funding for 0.3 FTE for Legislative Council Staff and 0.1 FTE for the Office of Legislative Legal Services to support the committee, along with per diem and expense reimbursement for up to five meetings per year during the interim.

Table 1. Expenditures Under SB 15-256		
Cost Components	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
Personal Services	\$5,627	\$5,627
FTE	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE
Per Diem and Travel Expenses (10 members x 2 meetings x \$198)	3,960	3,960
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	1,240	1,286
TOTAL	\$10,827	\$10,873

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Centrally appropriated costs. 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. For FY 2015-16, the centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and include employee insurance (\$804) and supplemental employee retirement payments (\$436 in FY 2015-16 and \$482 in FY 2016-17).

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 5, 2015.

State Appropriations

For FY 2015-16, the bill requires an appropriation of \$9,587 General Fund and 0.1 FTE to the Legislative Department.

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