

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell

Bill Status: Deemed Lost

Rep. Massey

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$83,333*	\$83,333*
FTE Position Change	0.9 FTE*	0.9 FTE*
Effective Date: The bill was deemed lost in the House Appropriations Committee on May 9, 2012, when the General Assembly adjourned sine die without taking final action.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

* The bill is assessed with a state conditional fiscal impact. The identified state expenditures assumes that OEDIT expands efforts beyond the current level as authorized, but not required, by the bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill authorizes the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) to develop a business retention and expansion program. This program is intended to (i) develop stronger relationships between state economic development partners, (ii) serve as a clearinghouse of resources that assist Colorado business retention and expansion, (iii) facilitate communications between local governments, partners and businesses, and (iv) identify opportunities to retain and expand Colorado businesses in a quick and effective manner.

OEDIT would be tasked with facilitating this program, and would be required to perform a number of administrative and organizational responsibilities, including the provision of training and resource awareness concerning state programs for businesses. Under the program, OEDIT will address the program's status through its annual report.

Background

The Governor's executive order D 2011-003 outlines a series of steps designed to foster a more competitive Colorado by helping the state achieve six core objectives:

- build a business-friendly environment;
- retain, grow, and recruit companies;

- increase access to capital;
- create and market a stronger Colorado brand;
- educate and train the workforce of the future; and
- cultivate innovation and technology.

This bill builds upon the *Colorado Blueprint: A bottom-up approach to economic development*.

State Expenditures

If the Global Business Development Division of OEDIT chooses to implement the program, it will be responsible for providing the staff and budgetary resources necessary to assist businesses as part of the Governor's plan for a regional approach to an economic development partnership. These responsibilities could require as much as \$83,333 General Fund and 0.9 FTE annually beginning FY 2012-13.

The bill states the General Assembly's intent that the bill can be implemented within existing appropriations, and that no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to implement the bill. Without additional funding, OEDIT must reprioritize its existing workload obligations in order to accomplish the goals of the bill if the office chooses to enhance its efforts to develop a key industries strategy.

State Appropriations

The bill contains a "no appropriation" clause.

Departments Contacted

Governor's Office

Office of Economic Development

Local Affairs