

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. May
 Sen. Kefalas

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING REDUCING INEFFICIENCY IN THE ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION PROCESS FOR THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 8, 2013, and takes effect August 7, 2013, assuming no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: Potential savings. See Local Government Impact section.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, persons receiving cash assistance through the Colorado Works program must have their eligibility redetermined annually and appear in person at the county department of human services. The bill removes the requirement that recipients appear in person during the redetermination process.

Local Government Impact

Removal of the in-person requirement gives counties additional discretion in collecting the information needed to conduct the redetermination. To the extent that alternate methods are pursued and in-person meetings reduced, counties likely can increase the efficiency and timely processing of annual eligibility determination and increase time spent on other case management and administrative duties. Counties may still choose to conduct an in-person redetermination for some or all clients.

The bill may result in additional clients completing the redetermination process or doing so in a faster time period, which could eliminate gaps in eligibility for some clients and increase cash assistance payments provided. Any additional spending is expected to be minimal and would be absorbed within the existing county block grants or county reserves, and would not increase state appropriations for Colorado Works.

Departments Contacted

Human Services

Counties