

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0630  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Rosenthal  
 Sen. Heath

**Date:** June 24, 2013  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A POSITION BY THE GOVERNOR FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	See State Expenditure Section.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 28, 2013.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill directs the Governor to establish at least a part-time position with the term "climate change" in the title in order to assess climate change issues within the state. The location of the position is at the Governor's discretion and the person appointed to this position may be a current employee and perform other duties within any department of the executive branch. At a minimum, the bill specifies that the duties of the position include the development and periodic update of a climate action plan including policy recommendations the state could use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and collaboration with other entities regarding climate preparedness studies.

The bill requires the appointee to submit an annual report to the House Agriculture and Transportation committees and the Senate Agriculture committee on climate change issues generally and specific ways in which climate change impacts Colorado. Development of the plan must take into account previous plans and relevant executive orders from the Governor.

**State Expenditures**

It is anticipated that the duties of this position will be added to an existing position or added to the job description of a vacant position. As such, the expenditures associated with this bill may be absorbed within existing appropriations.

**Departments Contacted**

Governor's Office