

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Kefalas; Roberts **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
 Rep. Peniston; Navarro **Fiscal Analyst:** Kirk Mlinek (303-866-2756)

TITLE: CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund appropriation to the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund	\$8,472	\$8,472
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 5, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill extends the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (council) until July 1, 2018, and makes the following changes relating to the council's purpose, membership, duties, and reporting requirements:

- adds skill development, educational opportunities, suicide prevention, and prevention of bullying, and removes driver's license requirements, from the list of issues that the council may consider;
- requires that the 5 at-large members must be selected to ensure the council's diversity, with an express concern for adequate rural representation;
- expands membership eligibility to students enrolled in a charter school or approved facility school;
- beginning in 2014, changes from September 1 to May 31 the date by which council appointments are made;
- establishes December 15, 2014, and every 2 years thereafter, as the deadline for legislative leadership to make appointments;
- limits compensation for meeting attendance to legislative members of the council;

- establishes September 1, 2013, and every September 1 thereafter, as the deadline for the council, in conjunction with the Director of Research of the Legislative Council, to use an RFP process to contract with and designate 1 or more nonprofit organizations to provide staffing and operational assistance to the council; and
- changes from January 30 to April 30 of each year the date by which the council must submit its annual report to the General Assembly.

Background

Established in 2008, the 44-member Youth Advisory Council is charged with working with state and local youth groups to:

- provide members of the General Assembly with youths' perspective on proposed and pending legislation; and
- analyze and provide information on youth-related issues to legislative committees, commissions, task forces, and state agencies.

State Expenditures

Total state expenditures for the council are expected to continue at **\$8,472 per year** beginning in FY 2013-14. Since 2010, this amount of money has been appropriated from the General Fund to the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund in the annual legislative appropriation bill. Senate Bill 13-187, the legislative appropriation bill for FY 2013-14, contains an appropriation for the amount identified above, which means that this bill does not require an appropriation clause. Money in the cash fund is continuously appropriated and year-end balances are retained.

Year-to-year council expenditures are expected to continue to vary due to fluctuations in gifts, grants, and donations. Table 1 shows a 3-year history of revenue and expenditures by calendar year (CY). Revenue shortfalls are absorbed by the designated nonprofit organization that provides staffing and operational assistance to the council.

	CY 2009	CY 2010	CY 2011
Revenue	\$43,279	\$14,104	\$9,949
Expenditures	(44,229)	(22,343)	(19,514)
TOTAL	(\$950)	(\$8,239)	(\$9,565)

Departments Contacted

Legislative Council