

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Giron	Bill Status: Signed into Law
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TITLE: CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF THE INTERAGENCY FARM-TO-SCHOOL COORDINATION TASK FORCE.

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 and took effect on March 22, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the interagency farm-to-school coordination task force sunsets on December 31, 2013, following a sunset review performed by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). This bill:

- continues the task force indefinitely;
- adds two members to the task force, increasing the membership from 13 to 15;
- permits the addition of ex-officio members to the task force;
- expands the focus of the task force to explore statewide data collection systems to track farm-to-school activities; and
- modifies reporting requirements.

Background

The General Assembly created the task force in Senate Bill 10-081 as part of the Farm-to-School Healthy Kids Act. The task force is housed in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). The overall mission of the task force is to increase the use of local farm and ranch products in school food service programs, improve child nutrition, and strengthen local and regional farming communities.

In addition to members with experience in agriculture and school nutrition, the task force includes members from the CDE, the Department of Higher Education (DHE), the Department of Agriculture, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

In 2011, the task force received \$50,000 in grant funding from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). That grant paid for a consulting firm to provide administrative staffing for the task force. The task force also received \$105,370 of funding from the Colorado Health Foundation. This funding is budgeted through February 2013, and pays for staffing from a contract vendor, supplies, travel, meals, and conference expenses.

State Expenditures

This bill does not increase state expenditures, and no appropriation is necessary. Participation in the task force by CDE, DHE, CDPHE, and the Department of Agriculture results in less time for other departmental activities, although the workload associated with task force meetings is not substantial and can be accomplished within existing appropriations. The task force members serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

Departments Contacted

Agriculture
Higher Education

Education
Public Health and Environment