

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Schwartz
Rep. Lebsack

Bill Status: Signed into Law

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Food Systems Advisory Council Fund*	\$22,500	\$22,500
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds		
Food Systems Advisory Council Fund*	\$22,500	\$22,500
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 28, 2013.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: Continuously appropriated.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

**Contingent upon receipt of gifts, grants, or donations.*

Summary of Legislation

This bill continues the Food Systems Advisory Council (council) until September 1, 2018. Prior to this date, the council will undergo a sunset review. The size of the council is increased from 13 to 15 governor-appointed members. The bill requires that funds in the Food Systems Advisory Council Cash Fund be continuously appropriated and that funds accepted from gifts, grants, or donations not be subject to conditions that are inconsistent with the purpose of the council or any other law of the state.

Background

The council was established in 2010. In 2011 and 2012, the council received a total of \$133,772 in revenue. Donors included LiveWell Colorado (\$82,080), the Department of Agriculture (\$3,258), member contributions (\$240) and sponsorships (\$950). The remaining funds received by the council were from in-kind donations totaling \$47,064.

State Revenue

Current law allows the council to seek, accept, and spend federal moneys and other gifts, grants, and donations to cover the council's costs. Based on the expenditures described in this fiscal note, the council will need to obtain at least **\$22,500 in federal funds or private gifts, grants, or donations** beginning in FY 2013-14, although actual collections may vary greatly from this amount. It should be noted that Section 24-75-1304 (2), C.R.S. requires that any bill passed by the General Assembly that relies on grant funding must contain a provision requiring that notice be given to the Legislative Council by the agency overseeing the implementation of the bill when sufficient funds are collected.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2013-14, the Department of Agriculture requires \$22,500 to staff the council, report annually to the General Assembly, and provide travel reimbursements for members. These expenditures are contingent upon receiving sufficient federal funding or other funding from gifts, grants, and donations. Because current law specifies that no state employees are to be hired to staff the council, the fiscal note assumes that any staffing duties would be conducted by a contractor or through in-kind donations from a private entity.

Council members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses. It is assumed that the council meetings will take place in a central location; however, the Governor is required to appoint people to the council to ensure the geographic diversity of the state. The fiscal note assumes that 4 members of the council will be from outside of the metro area and require travel costs for 4 meetings a year totaling \$4,000. An additional \$500 is needed to reimburse metro members for mileage and parking. Table 1 provides an overview of the costs for the council.

Cost Components	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15
Personal Services	\$18,000	\$18,000
Travel reimbursement	4,500	4,500
TOTAL	\$22,500	\$22,500

Departments Contacted

Agriculture