

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: USE LOCAL TRAFFIC INFO FOR CDOT SPEED LIMIT STUDY

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) must approve any change to a speed limit on portions of state highway that are located within a city, city and county, or incorporated town. In incorporated cities and towns with 5,000 residents or fewer, the municipality may request that the CDOT conduct a traffic investigation to determine a safe and reasonable speed limit. The CDOT is required to perform the investigation if the department deems it necessary for determining the speed limit.

This bill authorizes the CDOT to perform a traffic investigation for any requesting incorporated city or town, at the department's discretion. The bill also allows the CDOT to receive and consider traffic and engineering data provided by the city or county engineer of the requesting local government.

State Expenditures

This bill codifies current practice by authorizing the CDOT to conduct traffic investigations, at its discretion, for any requesting incorporated city or town for the purpose of determining a reasonable and safe speed limit. Because the CDOT already conducts these investigations upon request of any incorporated city or town, this bill is not expected to increase expenditures or workload for the CDOT, and does not require adjustments in appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Local governments requesting alteration of the speed limit on a portion of state highway within its boundaries may experience costs associated with compiling and providing traffic and engineering data to the CDOT; however, the bill does not require local governments to provide such data.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 2, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Cities and Counties Transportation Local Affairs