



Legislative Council Staff
Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature

Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Luck **Bill Status:** House SCMVA
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Bill Topic: **BILL DRAFTING TRANSPARENCY**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill requires that certain bill drafts be posted on the General Assembly website prior to the first day of the legislative session. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2022-23 and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$41,760 to the Legislative Department.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1096

| | | Budget Year FY 2022-23 | Out Year FY 2023-24 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$41,760 | - |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| Other Budget Impacts | General Fund Reserve | \$6,264 | - |

Summary of Legislation

Under Joint House and Senate Rules, each member of the General Assembly can request up to five bills. This bill requires the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) to publish current drafts of bills that may be introduced as one of a member's first five bills on the General Assembly's website prior to the first day of the legislative session. For bills of returning members, the OLLS will publish current drafts 40 days prior to the first day of session. Bill subjects will be published for new members 30 days prior to the first day of session and current bill drafts will be published 10 days prior to the first day of session. If drafts are not available by these deadlines, the OLLS will publish the subject of the bill request and publish the draft as soon as it is completed. The OLLS will publish redrafts of bills and publish a notice when a bill request is withdrawn. Finally, the bill requires that bill requests for returning members be filed 70 days prior to the first day of session and 33 days for new members.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$41,760 in FY 2022-23 and increase workload on an ongoing basis in the Legislative Department as explained below.

Legislative Information Services. To make bill drafts available on the General Assembly website, Legislative Information Services staff will make modifications to the website and the CLICS application software that tracks bills. This is expected to require 348 hours of computer programming at a rate of \$120 per hour in FY 2022-23 only. Ongoing support of the website and CLICS can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Office of Legislative Legal Services. The OLLS will have an increase in workload to publish bill drafts and the subjects of bill requests to the General Assembly prior to the first day of session. This can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve beginning in FY 2022-23. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by \$6,264 in FY 2022-23, which will decrease the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2022-23, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$41,760 to the Legislative Department for Legislative Council Staff.

State and Local Government Contacts

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