

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

STATE
REVISED FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Primavera Sen. Crowder	Bill Status: Senate SVMA
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BILL TOPIC: STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP ON AGING

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue	Potential gifts, grants, and donations.	
State Expenditures	\$368,395	\$68,994
General Fund	364,915	65,332
Centrally Appropriated Costs**	3,480	3,662
FTE Position Change	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
Appropriation Required: \$364,915 - Department of Local Affairs (FY 2015-16)		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.
 ** These costs are not included in the bill's appropriation. See the State Expenditures section for more information.

Summary of Legislation

The *reengrossed* bill creates a strategic planning group within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to study issues related to the increasing number of Coloradans age 50 and older. The group will consist of 23 voting members to be appointed by the Governor by August 1, 2015 and the bill specifies the required composition of the group. Members will be appointed for four years, with some exceptions. The bill requires that the group hire a project administrator and a project assistant to support their work as needed. The group may also contract with third-party organizations to achieve their stated objectives. By November 1, 2016, the group must produce present to the governor and the General Assembly comprehensive data and specific recommendations to develop an action plan on aging in Colorado through the year 2030.

The bill outlines specific areas of study and the areas recommendations must address. During the 2016 and 2017 legislative sessions, the group must submit oral reports on their work and any preliminary findings or recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee. By November 30, 2016, the group must submit their strategic action plan and issue final recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and any affected state agencies. The group will also submit two updates to their strategic action plan, one in 2018 and one in 2020, if sufficient funding is available. The bill also creates the Strategic Action Plan on Aging Cash Fund. The group can accept gifts, grants, and donations and the monies in the fund are continuously appropriated. The group is repealed on July 1, 2022.

State Revenue

Under the bill, the group may accept gifts, grants, and donations in the Strategic Action Plan on Aging Cash Fund. At the writing of this fiscal note, no sources have been identified.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase expenditures in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) by **\$368,395 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2015-16 and \$68,994 and 0.3 FTE in FY 2016-17**. The bill specifies that funding will come from the Strategic Action Plan on Aging Cash Fund. However, since no source of funding for the cash fund has been identified, General Fund expenditures are required.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB 15-1033*		
Cost Components	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
Personal Services	\$13,874	\$14,669
FTE	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
Operating Expenses and Capital Outlay Costs	\$1,041	\$285
Contracted Research with Experts	\$300,000	0
Travel Expenses	\$50,000	\$50,000
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$3,480	\$3,662
TOTAL	\$368,395	\$68,994

* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Staff support. The DOLA will require 0.3 FTE to provide support to the group. The staff will be responsible for coordinating payments to third-party contractors. The staff will also manage the website and any other necessary tasks deemed necessary by the group.

Contracted research. The group will likely contract with staff to provide project administrative support as deemed necessary. The group will also contract with subject matter experts to achieve the data and research objectives set forth in the bill. The bill sets forth several large data and research projects that the DOLA lacks the expertise to conduct. These costs are projected to be \$300,000 and are based on projects of similar size and scope conducted with public policy experts.

Travel expenses. The bill requires \$50,000 in both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 to provide travel reimbursement to members of the committee. The fiscal note assumes the committee will meet at least 10 times each fiscal year and that roughly 1/3 of the planning group will need to travel to the meetings.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are estimated in the fiscal note for informational purposes and summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Centrally Appropriated Costs Under HB 15-1033*		
Cost Components	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$2,405	\$2,407
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	\$1,075	\$1,255
TOTAL	\$3,480	\$3,662

*More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

In FY 2015-16, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$364,915 and an allocation of 0.3 FTE to the Department of Local Affairs.

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