

Colorado Legislative Council Staff

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REVISED FISCAL NOTE

(replaces fiscal note dated May 4, 2016)

FISCAL IMPACT:
☐ State ☐ Local ☐ Statutory Public Entity ☐ Conditional ☐ No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Hullinghorst Bill Status: House Second Reading

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BILL TOPIC: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE APPOINTEE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures General Fund	See State Expenditures section.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Note: This revised fiscal note is updated to reflect new information received after publication of the initial fiscal note, as well as to incorporate Amendment L.002 adopted in the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

Summary of Legislation

This bill, as amended by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee, allows the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the state's Chief Operating Officer (COO) through the end of the current term of office, January 10, 2019. Acceptance or retention of an appointment as COO does not result in a forfeiture of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and is not to be deemed inconsistent with the duties of either role. If the Lieutenant Governor serves concurrently as the COO, he or she is to be paid a salary commensurate with the salary paid for the position of COO.

Background

Under current law, the Lieutenant Governor is paid a salary of \$68,500, unless he or she is concurrently serving as the head of a principal department. Under those circumstances, salary may be increased to be commensurate with the salary paid for a position as the head of a principal department. On May 4, 2016, Donna Lynne was confirmed to replace former Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Garcia. There is no COO position currently within the Governor's Office, although the Governor has vacancy savings and may appoint a person to serve in this capacity.

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State Expenditures

This bill allows the Lieutenant Governor to serve as the state's COO and to receive a salary commensurate with that position. As of this writing, Ms. Lynne is anticipated to serve concurrently as the state's COO at a salary of approximately \$150,000 per year. This salary is consistent with other cabinet level positions in the Governor's Office. The fiscal note assumes that the full \$68,500 salary of the Lieutenant Governor will be applied toward the new COO position and the estimated balance of \$81,500 will be paid from existing appropriations, including vacancy savings and grant dollars. Because the bill specifies that the position of Lieutenant Governor is not forfeited in the event of a concurrent appointment, this analysis assumes that no reduction in FTE allocations is required.

Effective Date

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

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