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STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 15-0564.01 Gregg Fraser x4325

**HOUSE BILL 15-1085**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Thurlow,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**  
Local Government

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ON-LINE PUBLICATION OF FISCAL INFORMATION BY**  
102      **A COUNTY.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Currently, a board of county commissioners is required, with certain exceptions, to publish an expenditure report each month and a financial statement twice a year. The reports and statements are required to be published in at least one newspaper in the county. The bill specifies that salary warrants are to be included in the information to be disclosed in the expenditure report. The bill allows the board to publish the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

expenditure report and the financial statement on a web site maintained by the county rather than publish them in a legal newspaper.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-25-111, **amend**  
3 (1) and (2) as follows:

4 **30-25-111. Proceedings published - failure - penalty.** (1) It is  
5 the duty of the board of county commissioners of each county to publish  
6 ON A WEB SITE MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY OR in at least one legal  
7 newspaper in the county a report of each claim, ~~except~~ INCLUDING salary  
8 warrants, and expenditure by it allowed and paid and taxes rebated,  
9 disclosing the name of and the amount paid to each individual or firm, a  
10 description of the services or material furnished to the county, and, as to  
11 other items, the nature of the claim and disclosing the fund charged with  
12 each expenditure. Such report shall contain a statement of any contracts  
13 for the expenditure of money not paid immediately made by the board of  
14 county commissioners, disclosing the nature and purpose of the contract,  
15 the parties thereto, and the amounts involved therein. THE BOARD OF  
16 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PUBLISH such reports ~~shall be published~~  
17 at least monthly within thirty days following the end of the period for  
18 which made. If A COUNTY DECIDES TO PUBLISH THE REPORT IN A  
19 NEWSPAPER AND no legal newspaper is located in the county, either such  
20 reports shall be published in a newspaper of an adjacent county ~~which~~  
21 THAT has general circulation in the county for which the report is made,  
22 or the board shall cause such statements to be posted in three conspicuous  
23 places in said county, one of which shall be the courthouse door. The  
24 county accounting office, if there is one, and otherwise the county clerk  
25 and recorder, if he OR SHE is acting as the accounting agency for the

1 county, shall provide to the board of county commissioners all  
2 information necessary for the publication. The published report shall state  
3 that it is published under the direction of the board of county  
4 commissioners. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the  
5 board of county commissioners to publish or make public the names of  
6 or individual public welfare payments to, or in behalf of, indigent persons  
7 receiving assistance from public welfare programs financed, in whole or  
8 in part, by federal or state funds, or any combination thereof, when such  
9 publication is specifically forbidden by law.

10 (2) It is the duty of the board of county commissioners of each  
11 county to publish ON A WEB SITE MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY OR in some  
12 legal newspaper published in the county the semiannual financial  
13 statement furnished to the board of county commissioners by the county  
14 treasurer which shall include in separate columns the balance at the  
15 beginning of the period in each fund kept by the treasurer, the collections  
16 to each fund from current taxes, delinquent taxes, miscellaneous  
17 collection and transfers, withdrawals from each fund showing cash  
18 disbursements, transfers and treasurer's fees, and the balance at the end  
19 of the period in each fund. The statement shall be published within sixty  
20 days following June thirtieth and December thirty-first each year. If A  
21 COUNTY DECIDES TO PUBLISH THE STATEMENT IN A NEWSPAPER AND no  
22 legal newspaper is located in the county, either such reports shall be  
23 published in a newspaper of an adjacent county ~~which~~ THAT has general  
24 circulation in the county for which the report is made or the board of  
25 county commissioners shall cause such statements to be posted in three  
26 conspicuous places in said county, one of which shall be the courthouse  
27 door. The county clerk and recorder shall furnish a copy of such

1 proceedings for such publication.

2           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
3 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
4 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
5 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,  
6 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
7 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
8 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
9 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
10 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
11 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

12           (2) This act applies to reports and statements published on or after  
13 January 1, 2016.