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# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 18-0440  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Buck

**Date:** June 6, 2018  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN HIGH SCHOOLS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<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 eliminates the statewide social studies assessment in high school and reduces State Education Fund expenditures annually.

**Appropriation Summary:** Beginning with FY 2018-19, the bill reduces appropriations to the Colorado Department of Education by \$667,680.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 18-1014**

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
<b>Revenue</b>	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General Fund	-	-
State Education Fund	(\$667,680)	(\$667,680)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$667,680)</b>	<b>(\$667,680)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>	-	-

## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) administers a statewide assessment in social studies to students once in elementary school, once in middle school, and once in high school. The department administers the test in a representative sample of public schools each year, and in each public school at least once every three years. This bill removes the requirement that a statewide social studies assessment be administered in high school.

## State Expenditures

The bill reduces state expenditures from the State Education Fund by \$667,680 annually.

The CDE issued a Request for Proposals in Spring 2017 for a vendor to develop the statewide social studies assessments, along with English Language Arts, math, and science assessments. The resulting vendor contract was prepared to include possible testing reductions, including estimating cost reductions should the high school social studies assessment be eliminated. Based on the final vendor contract, the expenditure reduction for the elimination of high school social studies assessments will be \$667,680 in both FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. The vendor contract term expires December 31, 2024.

## School District Impact

This bill eliminates statewide social studies tests in high school, and therefore reduces the total number of statewide tests administered in school districts. As a result, schedule, workload and administrative costs related to statewide social studies testing are also reduced at the school and district level.

## Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Education Committee on February 28, 2018.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, this bill reduces appropriations from the State Education Fund by \$667,680.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Education      School Districts