

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STUDY POTENTIAL USES OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO MORE EFFECTIVELY MANAGE COLORADO'S WATER SUPPLY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION, CONDITIONED ON THE RECEIPT OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Required, Already Added to Bill, Amendments in Packet**

**General Fund Impact**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 01/15/20.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.001	Bill sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes a provision that appropriates \$40,000 General Fund to the University of Colorado for FY 2020-21. This provision requires technical changes.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to replace the appropriation clause in the bill

with a provision appropriating \$40,000 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2020-21 and reappropriating this amount to the University of Colorado.

**L.001** Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) makes two technical adjustments to statute to: (1) authorize the Department to enter into a limited purpose fee-for-service contract with the University of Colorado for this purpose; and (2) specify that this adjustment is not subject to statutory provisions that require General Fund appropriations for financial aid increase at the same rate as funding for the governing boards.

**If the Committee wishes to adopt amendment J.001 it should also adopt amendment L.001.**

### **Points to Consider**

#### *General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2020-21. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 for FY 2020-21, reducing the General Fund available for other FY 2020-21 appropriations by this amount.

#### *Technical Issues*

1. The bill requires a technical change to allow for a limited purpose fee-for-service contract for the purpose of this act. Amendment L.001 addresses this issue.
2. Section 23-3.3-103, C.R.S., requires that the annual appropriations for student financial assistance increase by at least the same percentage as the aggregate percentage increase of all General Fund appropriations to institutions of higher education. The bill does not include an associated increase for financial aid. Amendment L.001 addresses this issue.
3. The appropriation in this bill is conditioned upon the University of Colorado receiving at least \$40,000 in gifts, grants, or donations and certifying this to the State Controller. For purposes of the appropriation clause drafted for this bill, staff has assumed that this certification will occur.