

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO PAY THEIR UTILITY BILLS DUE TO ECONOMIC HARDSHIP CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, TRANSFERRING MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO THE "CARES ACT" TO THE ENERGY OUTREACH COLORADO LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE FUND TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE.

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Sens. Story and Zenzinger

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 06/10/20.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2020-21.

Points to Consider

Legislative Authority

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" money in the Energy Outreach Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Fund? This method of funding essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.