

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING HEALTH-CARE BILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS RECEIVING SERVICES NOT REIMBURSED THROUGH THE COLORADO INDIGENT CARE PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES BEFORE INITIATING COLLECTIONS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A PATIENT AND MAKING AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet**

**General Fund Impact**

**Significant Cost Increase in Second Year**

**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 05/21/21.

<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

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee Report (05/25/21) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$219,295 from the General Fund to the

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## JBC Staff Analysis

Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and reduces appropriations by \$44,204 from the General Fund for the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2021-22. This provision also states that the changes in appropriations are based on the assumption that the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will require an additional 0.7 FTE and the Department of Public Health and Environment will require 0.3 FTE fewer.

### Description of Amendments in This Packet

**J.002** Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to correct a technical discrepancy between the appropriations clause and the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note by changing the decrease in FTE at the Department of Public Health and Environment from 0.3 FTE to 0.4 FTE.

Correcting the FTE would more accurately describe the General Assembly's assumptions in the appropriation. However, if the Appropriations Committee decides not to adopt the amendment, it will not impact expenditures. Pursuant to 24-75-112 (1)(d)(I)(C)(V), C.R.S., the FTE in appropriations indicate the number utilized to calculate the appropriation and are not a limitation on the number of FTE that may be employed.

### Points to Consider

#### *General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$175,091 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.

#### *Future Fiscal Impact*

In FY 2022-23 the net fiscal impact of the bill increases to \$474,724 General Fund.