

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 05/03/22.

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| 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 |
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| L.003/J.003 | Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation |

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides a total of \$215,000 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2022-23. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE. The provision also appropriates a total of \$42,859 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment, which is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE. The Fiscal Note identifies an additional \$200,000 needed to implement the proposed grant program, however, the grant program does not have an appropriation in this bill.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.003 and J.003

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) removed the grant program outlined in the reengrossed version of the bill and reduces General Fund appropriations from the Department of Agriculture from \$215,000 to \$100,000. Amendment **J.003** reduces the appropriations clause to reflect the changes in **L.003**.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$257,859 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.

If the Committee adopts amendments L.003 and J.003 the bill will require a General Fund appropriation of \$142,859 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.