

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING UPDATES TO THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE SEEDLING TREE NURSERY, 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.

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
J.004	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides an appropriation of \$5,000,000 General Fund for the Colorado State University System for allocation to the Colorado State Forest Service. This provision also states the funds may be expended through the 2023-24 state fiscal year. It does not include an assumption about FTE.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.004 Staff has prepared amendment **J.004** (attached) to modify the existing appropriation clause to indicate that the funding is based on an assumption that the Colorado State University System will require an additional 2.0 FTE.

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 a one-time obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$5.0 million for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$900.0 million set aside by \$5.75 million in order to maintain a 15.0 percent statutory General Fund reserve.