

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM, 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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/04/22.

	<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>XXX</b>	<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 reengrossed bill includes: (1) amendments from the Senate Education Committee Report (04/07/22), which Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree do not change the fiscal impact of the bill; and (2) amendments from the Senate Appropriations Committee Report (04/22/22) which eliminate provisions in the bill that created a continuously appropriated cash fund. Instead of requiring a \$1.0 million appropriation to the cash fund for FY 2022-23, the reengrossed bill requires a \$1.0 million appropriation to the Department of Education for the Colorado Career Advisor Training Program for FY 2022-23. Consistent with this change, the reengrossed bill provided an appropriation of \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2022-23 and reflected an assumption that the Department would require 1.0 FTE.

This appropriation clause in the reengrossed bill was modified in the House Education Committee Report (04/27/22) to eliminate the assumption that the Department would require 1.0 FTE and to instead indicate that the appropriation would be for the Department to contract for implementation of the Career Advisor Training Program.

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

Amendment	Description
J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides an appropriation of \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2022-23. This provision states that the appropriation is for "use by the office of postsecondary and workforce readiness" but also specifies that this is for the career advisor training program, which makes it unclear whether the intent is to incorporate this funding in an existing line item or to place it in a separate line item.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.003** Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) which modifies the Education Committee Report to clarify the appropriation clause. As modified, the appropriation clause provides an appropriation of \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2022-23 for the Career Advisor Training Program. With this revised appropriation clause, the appropriation will be provided in a distinct line item for the new Career Advisor Training Program. The amendment does *not* include an assumption that the Department will require additional 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 an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.