

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN COLORADO'S RURAL AREAS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Reps. Roberts and Rich

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No 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 05/05/22.

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
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides an appropriation of \$1,200,000 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2022-23. This includes \$1,135,000 General Fund to the Department's College Opportunity Fund Program for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with state institutions and \$1,135,000 reappropriated funds to the institutions in the amounts listed below. It also includes \$65,000 General Fund for Colorado Mountain College.

**General Fund Appropriations to College Opportunity Fund Program in Department of Higher Education
Reappropriated to Governing Boards and Appropriation for Colorado Mountain College**

	Amounts	Allocated for:
Adams State University	\$65,000	Nursing Program
Colorado Mesa University	65,000	Nursing Program
Metropolitan State University of Denver	65,000	Nursing Program
Western Colorado University	65,000	Behavioral Science in Rural Community Health
Colorado State University System	65,000	School of Nursing at CSU Pueblo
Fort Lewis College	65,000	Nursing Program
University of Colorado System	550,000	\$225,000 Health Sciences Center (HSC) Rural Track Office, \$65,000 HSC School of Dental Medicine, \$65,000 HSC Doctor of Medicine Program; \$65,000 HSC Physicians Assistant Program, \$65,000 UCCS Nursing Program, \$65,000 Colorado School of Public Health School of Nursing
University of Northern Colorado	65,000	
Colorado Community College System	130,000	\$65,000 Morgan Community College Nursing Program, \$65,000 Trinidad State College Nursing Program
Colorado Mountain College	65,000	Nursing Program
Total	\$1,200,000	

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 \$1,200,000 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.