

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN COLORADO'S RURAL AREAS.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Winter and Rankin  
Reps. Roberts and Rich

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Required, 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 04/27/22.

XXX	<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

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

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.003/J.003	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$5,750,000 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2022-23. Allocations by institution are shown below.

**Amendment J.001**

**General Fund Appropriations to Institutions in Department of Higher Education**

	Amounts	Allocated for:
Adams State University	\$400,000	Nursing Program
Colorado Mesa University	400,000	Nursing Program
Metropolitan State University of Denver	400,000	Nursing Program
Western Colorado University	400,000	Behavioral Science in Rural Community Health
Colorado State University System	400,000	School of Nursing at CSU Pueblo
Fort Lewis College	400,000	Nursing Program
University of Colorado System	1,750,000	\$150,000 Health Sciences Center (HSC) Rural Track Office, \$400,000 HSC School of Dental Medicine, \$400,000 HSC Doctor of Medicine Program; \$400,000 UCCS Nursing Program, \$400,000 Colorado School of Public Health
University of Northern Colorado	400,000	School of Nursing
Colorado Community College System	800,000	\$400,000 Morgan Community College Nursing Program, \$400,000 Trinidad State College
Colorado Mountain College	400,000	Nursing Program
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,750,000</b>	Nursing Program

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached):

- Adds provisions specifying that, subject to available appropriation, the Department will enter into limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with public institutions for the Colorado Rural Health-care Workforce Initiative established by this bill.
- Strikes provisions requiring the General Assembly to annually appropriate \$150,000 to the University of Colorado Rural Program Office.
- Strikes provisions requiring each of the public institution entities listed to receive a maximum of \$400,000 in FY 2022-23.
- Adds the physician assistant program at the University of Colorado as a recipient program for FY 2022-23.
- Specifies that the Department of Higher Education will allocate money to Colorado Mountain College for FY 2022-23 to establish a rural track in its programs.

Sponsor amendment **J.003** (attached) 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.

**Sponsor Amendment J.003**

**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

**Sponsor Amendment J.003**

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

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
University of Northern Colorado	65,000	School of Nursing
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	

The sponsor has indicated an assumption that funding at no less than the same level would be continued in FY 2023-24 and future years if the sponsor amendments are adopted.

**The Committee may adopt amendment J.001 OR the combination of amendments L.003 and J.003 but should not adopt any other combination of amendments.**

**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 \$5.75 million for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$900.0 million set aside by \$6.6 million in order to maintain a 15.0 percent statutory General Fund reserve. It also requires an ongoing obligation of \$150,000 General Fund.

**SB22-172****JBC Staff Analysis**

If sponsor amendments L.003 and J.003 are adopted, the 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.