JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING STATE FUNDING TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT TO RESPOND TO WILDFIRES.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Not Required, 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 04/12/23.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Fiscal Note assumes that expenditures will begin in FY 2023-24. The bill includes a safety clause and takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or when it becomes law without the Governor's signature. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff therefore agree that the General Fund transfer will occur in FY 2022-23, and expenditures from the cash fund may occur over multiple fiscal years.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2023-24.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2023-24 based on the March 2023 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2023-24 budget package the \$26.0 million General Fund revenue decrease in FY 2022-23 that would result from the passage of this bill.

The first year of personnel and operating costs associated with the helicopter are included in the FY 2023-24 Long Bill and are intended to be supported by existing cash fund resources in the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps Fund.