

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

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Reps. Lynch and McCluskie

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Not Required, 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 02/23/23.

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

The Finance Committee Report (03/02/23) includes an amendment to the bill that specifies the maximum allowable cost of the COP, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill in FY 2023-24.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
L.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>but not</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

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

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.002 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) strikes everything below the enacting clause and transfers \$26.0 million General Fund to the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps Fund to

purchase a Firehawk helicopter outright. The Colorado Firefighting Air Corps Fund is continuously appropriated to the Department of Public Safety.

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 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.