

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO DETERMINE COVERAGE FOR DOULA SERVICES.

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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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/20/23.

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 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note indicates the bill only requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to conduct stakeholder engagement and seek federal approval for doula services and, thus, costs to provide doula services have not been estimated. It is worth noting that the Long Bill included funding for a Medicaid doula benefit with the assumption that the new benefit would be in place by January 1, 2024. Based on the General Assembly's approval of the Long Bill, the Department is following the steps necessary to implement a Medicaid doula benefit with or without this bill. This bill includes statutory requirements related to stakeholder engagement and adds a report that must be submitted as part of the SMART Act, which do not increase the cost of the new doula benefit. In addition, the bill authorizes a scholarship program to train doulas and requires an actuarial review by the Division of Insurance of the costs and benefits of covering doula services in health benefit plans, which are the provisions driving the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

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 \$200,000 total funds for FY 2023-24, including \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and \$100,000 cash funds from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2023-24 based on the March 2023 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides for legislation outside of the package: (1) \$30.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and (2) \$469.0 million for bills that create one-time obligations for FY 2023-24 (see table below).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	
Description	FY 2023-24
Legislation with Ongoing Fiscal Impacts	\$30,000,000
Legislation with One-time Fiscal Impacts	
Workforce-related legislation, including free credentials, math scholarships, adult education, and concurrent enrollment	103,000,000
Housing-related legislation, including property tax relief, land use, and public-private partnerships	221,000,000
Legislation related to topics other than workforce and housing, including rural opportunity, line of duty loss, and Proposition 122 implementation	145,000,000
Subtotal	\$469,000,000
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	\$499,000,000

The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the above placeholders (a total of \$74.9 million).

This bill creates a one-time General Fund obligation for FY 2023-24, reducing the \$469.0 million set aside by \$200,000. This includes a \$100,000 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and a \$100,000 decrease in General Fund revenue due to the increase in appropriations from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund.

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Pursuant to Section 10-3-209 (4), C.R.S., taxes on insurance premiums are credited to the Division of Insurance Cash Fund (with a maximum transfer of five percent of premium tax collections) to cover appropriations made by the General Assembly. Any increase in appropriations reduces the amount of tax revenue deposited in the General Fund, thereby reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.