

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING CONSIDERATION OF A STATEWIDE UNIVERSAL HEALTH-CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING AN ADVISORY TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CONDUCTING AN ANALYSIS OF DRAFT MODEL LEGISLATION CONCERNING A STATEWIDE UNIVERSAL HEALTH-CARE PAYMENT SYSTEM.

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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 02/20/24.

<b>XXX</b>	<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**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006/L.007/J.002	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 providing the following

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appropriations for FY 2024-25: \$406,102 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for use through FY 2025-26; \$9,997 General Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; and \$2,831 to the Legislative Department.

### L.006, L.007, and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendments **L.006** (attached) and **L.007** (attached) include the following changes to the bill:

**L.006** (which amends the printed bill):

- Changes the group that will advise the School of Public Health from being a "task force" appointed by the Governor to being a "collaborative" whose members are invited by the Executive Director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.
- Specifies that all collaborative meetings shall be held virtually, while retaining public access, and that the group may meet without a quorum.
- Requires the School of Public Health to submit an application to the All-payer Health Claims Database Scholarship Grant Program, administered by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, to acquire funding to cover any data or software costs that may be incurred by the Colorado School of Public Health in conducting a required analysis.
- Changes the due date for a report from the Colorado School of Public Health to December 31, 2025. Based on this change, the fee-for-service contract with the University of Colorado is divided across FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26.
- Authorizes funding for the School of Public Health to be provided as a limited purpose fee-for-service contract appropriated to the University of Colorado.

**L.007** (which amends the Health and Human Services Committee Report) reduces the minimum number of task force/collaborative meetings from four to two.

JBC and Legislative Council Staff concur that these changes adjust the bill's costs as follows:

- The appropriation for the School of Public Health at the University of Colorado is reduced by \$50,000 General Fund for the Data Software Fee, because the School of Public Health will apply for a scholarship from the All-payer Health Claims Database Scholarship Grant Program. However, if the School does not receive the scholarship, a supplemental General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 may be required for FY 2024-25.
- The fee-for-service contract with the University of Colorado (total cost of \$356,102) is divided across two years: \$240,735 in FY 2024-25 and \$115,367 in FY 2025-26, and roll-forward authority is not required.
- Meeting expenses in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing are eliminated, because all meetings will be virtual. Therefore, funding for task force/collaborative member expenses will not be required, and there will be no venue or catering costs.

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- The four legislators on the task force will receive per diem (\$111.89 per day for two days each), but they will not require travel reimbursement. In addition, one meeting will be in FY 2024-25 and one in FY 2025-26, for a cost of \$448 in each year.
- The appropriation for the School of Public Health will be reflected as a fee-for-service contract with the University of Colorado, resulting in a reappropriated funds double-count in the appropriation but no change in the General Fund required.

Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to incorporate the impact of these changes and add a provision providing the following appropriations for FY 2024-25: \$240,735 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education to be reappropriated to the University of Colorado; and \$448 General Fund to the Legislative Department.

**The Committee may adopt the three sponsor amendments together: L.006, L.007, and J.002.** Alternatively, it could adopt J.001.

### Points to Consider

#### *General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$93.5 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$14.0 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	42,478,261
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
<b>TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation</b>	<b>\$93,497,320</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$418,930 (if **J.001** is adopted) or \$241,183 (if sponsor amendments **L.006**, **L.007**, and **J.002** are adopted) for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$93.5 million set aside by the same amount.