

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO SUPPORT THE CHICANO COMMUNITY.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

TABOR 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 02/23/2024.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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 House Finance Committee Report (02/29/2024) includes an amendment to the bill; however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill. Additionally, JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff agree that the cash fund split in the current fiscal note is inaccurate, and that the \$14,191 cash fund appropriation should include \$7,562 from the License Plate Cash Fund and \$6,629 from the Colorado DRIVES Vehicle Services Account.

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 a total of \$14,191 cash funds, including \$7,562 from the License Plate Cash Fund and \$6,629 from the Colorado DRIVES Vehicle Services Account, to the Department of Revenue for FY 2024-25.

Points to Consider*TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact*

The March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast projects a TABOR surplus liability of \$1.3 billion for FY 2024-25 and \$1.8 billion for FY 2025-26 to be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund. Legislation that increases non-exempt revenue (such as cash funds) will increase the TABOR refund from the General Fund. The budget package includes a set aside of \$93.5 million General Fund for appropriations in FY 2024-25.

This bill is estimated to increase cash fund revenues by \$43,762 in FY 2024-25 and by \$47,650 in FY 2025-26, which will reduce the available General Fund in each fiscal year by equal amounts. This bill increases the TABOR refund made out of the General Fund by \$43,762 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$93.5 million General Fund set aside for FY 2024-25 by the same amount.