

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning modifications to certain statutes relating to institutions of higher education, and, in connection therewith, changing procedures relating to information sharing, data, and capital construction projects.

Prime Sponsors:
Senator Amabile; Kirkmeyer
Representative Smith; Taggart

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet
General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/13/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.006 Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and 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 amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$89,196 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 1.0 FTE.

L.006

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) removes sections of the bill concerning the data advisory group, retaining the group representative to advise the Commission. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that

the amendment eliminates the identified fiscal impact and appropriation for the Department of Higher Education included in the Revised Fiscal Note.

If the Committee adopts L.006, it should not adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSP) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$57.3 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.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2026 Legislation

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	23,222,868
Competency services	20,000,000
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5,900,000
Applied Behavioral Analysis Licensing	5,000,000
County Administration shared services	3,100,000
Medicaid Working Group	500,000
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-396,469
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$57,326,399

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$89,196 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.

Sponsor amendment L.006 eliminates this General Fund impact.