

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning the average market rate of unprocessed retail marijuana.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Gonzalez R.; Willford
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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/19/26.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

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 \$22,359 General Fund to the Department of Revenue for FY 2026-27.

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 (OSPB) 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 13.0 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 \$22,359 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.

Technical Issues

Based on the March 2026 Legislative Council Staff forecast for the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund (MTCF) and the balancing actions adopted by the Joint Budget Committee for FY 2026-27, the MTCF does not have sufficient capacity to support these expenditures, notwithstanding its appropriateness as a funding source for the legislation. Accordingly, the \$22,359 appropriation is supported with General Fund.