

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

Concerning adding the exclusion of certain printed news deliverers from the definition of "employee" in the "Colorado Employment Security Act" to other state labor laws.

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**Prime Sponsors:**  
Senators Snyder; Cutter  
Representative Soper

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet  
General Fund Impact

**Fiscal Note Status**

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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**

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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 \$32,536 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 0.3 FTE.

**Points to Consider**

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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
<b>Total - Placeholders for other legislation</b>	<b>\$57,326,399</b>

**General Fund Impact**

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$32,536 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.