

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning programs for child care assistance.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Garcia; Willford
Senators Cutter; Bright

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment 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 03/13/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee Report (04/22/26) includes an amendment to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that this amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause.

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

Item	FY 2026-27
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 delays a General Fund appropriation of \$5,466,924 for FY 2026-27 that otherwise would have been made, increasing the General Fund available for other FY 2026-27 appropriations by this amount. This appropriation was not included in the Long Bill. Therefore, no appropriation adjustment is necessary within this bill.

Future Fiscal Impact

This bill eliminates certain requirements in current law for FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28, which eliminates the fiscal impact for those years only. Under current law, an appropriation of \$5,466,924 will be required in FY 2028-29. This appropriation is assumed to come from General Fund, but it may also come for federal funds. The actual cost will depend on the number of families enrolled in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program and their incomes.