

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**House Appropriations Committee**

Concerning nonemergency medical transportation for medicaid members.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Representative Stewart K.; Winter T.  
Senator Mullica; Kirkmeyer

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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 04/14/26.

**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
- L.014            Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact from the Fiscal Note assumptions

**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) decreases appropriations to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for FY 2026-27 by \$76,639 General Fund and \$20,941,853 cash funds from Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Hospital Provider Fee Cash Fund. At the same time, the anticipated federal funds increase by \$21,018,492, so there is no net change in total funds.

## L.014

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.014** (attached) clarifies the subset of non-emergency medical transportation services impacted by the bill. The clarification is consistent with the assumptions in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note, dated April 14, 2026.

The Committee should adopt both **J.001** and **L.014**. J.001 provides the appropriation and L.014 corrects a technical error.

## 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 reduction of \$76,639 for FY 2026-27, increasing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.