

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning increasing pollinator habitats through the conservation of native plant material on lands in the state.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Froelich; Lindsay
Senator Kipp

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet
Gifts, Grants, and Donations

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Third Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/01/26.

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

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriations clause.

Points to Consider

Gifts, Grants, and Donations

The part of this bill directing the Colorado State University Extension to perform a study on native plant materials is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations. The bill requires CSU expenditures of \$193,141 in FY 2026-27 only. If the necessary revenue from these sources is not realized, implementing this portion of the bill is at risk. The future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations is prohibited pursuant to Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S.

Is it the General Assembly’s intent to fund CSU expenditures for the study exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations?

Related Budget Information

To implement this bill, the Department of Natural Resources requires expenditures of \$785,408 and 2.0 FTE in FY 2026-27 and \$743,573 and 2.3 FTE in FY 2027-28 and ongoing.

This is intended to be paid from various continuously appropriated cash funds, including revenue from the Colorado Lottery, Great, Outdoors Colorado, Climate Resilient Wildlife and Land Cash Fund fees, and donations. As such, this bill does not require an appropriation.

Additionally, the bill *may* require vehicles for DNR staff to perform job duties. Vehicle costs paid to the Division of Personnel and Administration would increase revenue subject to TABOR by an equal amount, since these are costs outside of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife enterprise.