

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning modifications to certain statutes relating to institutions of higher education, and, in connection therewith, changing procedures relating to information sharing, data, and capital construction projects.

Prime Sponsors:
Senator Amabile; Kirkmeyer
Representative Smith; Taggart

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments 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 05/05/26.

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

Amendments in This Packet

- J.002 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.011 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.
- L.012 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002

Staff amendment **J.002** (attached) appropriates a total of \$48,098 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 0.5 FTE.

L.011

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.011** (attached) clarifies that the Data Advisory Group's duty to advise on the sharing of statewide institutional and student data only arises if the Department or the Colorado Commission on Higher Education requests the group's advice. The amendment also includes technical corrections in the effective date clause. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that amendment does not change the fiscal impact.

L.012

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.012** (attached) adds a provision that makes the Department’s or Commission’s responsibilities added in the House Education Committee Report (04/30/26) subject to available appropriations. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact but makes the need for an appropriation optional. However, if the General Assembly wishes the Department or Commission to carry out the purposes of the bill, the appropriation is necessary.

The Committee may adopt any combination of amendments **J.002, L.011, and L.012.**

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 \$42.3 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 (\$ in millions)

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$25.9
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5.9
Applied behavioral analysis licensing	5.0
County Administration shared services	3.1
SB 26-042 (Revenue Classification TABOR)	2.3
Medicaid working group	0.5
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-0.4
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$42.3

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$48,098 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$42.3 million set aside by the same amount.