

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING UPDATING COLORADO'S STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO FOSTER CARE PREVENTION SERVICES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FEDERAL "FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 06/06/20.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that does the following:

- refinances \$936,412 General Fund in the Employment and Regulatory Affairs line item in the Department of Human Services with reappropriated funds from departmental indirect cost recoveries;
- appropriates \$546,652 General Fund to the Department of Human Services, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.7 FTE and that the Department

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- will receive \$91,039 federal funds to implement the act;
- appropriates \$211,200 General Fund to the Judicial Department for use by the Office of the Child's Representative; and
- appropriates \$178,560 General Fund to the Judicial Department for use by the Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel.

Additionally, the clause reappropriates \$242,250 to the Governor's Office of Information Technology; and reappropriates \$38,376 to the Department of Law based on the assumption that the Department of Law will require an additional 0.2 FTE.

Points to Consider

Future Fiscal Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2020-21. The budget package bills reduce or eliminate some appropriations and transfers, and suspend or delay other appropriations and transfers. These bills also augment the amount of money available in the General Fund. Joint Budget Committee staff estimates that at least \$1.7 billion, and up to \$2.8 billion when federal CARES act funding is included, consist of one-time budget measures. Many of these changes apply for FY 2020-21 only, and thus require scheduled increases in General Fund appropriations and transfers in FY 2021-22 and subsequent fiscal years. These amounts represent the 'deficit' with which the Joint Budget Committee and General Assembly would begin balancing efforts in FY 2021-22 without an offsetting increase in forecasted revenue. This bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2020-21. However, it is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$1,519,560 in FY 2021-22, further increasing the base General Fund commitment in that fiscal years. This further reduces the amount of General Fund available for appropriations and obligations by the same amount.