

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO ENABLE COLORADO TO MEET ITS CLEAN ENERGY GOALS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY, REQUIRING TRANSMISSION UTILITIES TO JOIN REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS, AND ALLOWING ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF TRANSMISSION UTILITIES TO OBTAIN REVENUE THROUGH THE COLOCATION OF BROADBAND FACILITIES WITHIN THEIR EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet**

**General Fund Impact**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/03/21.

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

The Senate Transportation & Energy Committee Report (03/16/21) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$500,000 General Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2021-22.

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 for FY 2021-22, reducing the General Fund available for other FY 2021-22 appropriations by this amount.

Section 8 of the bill specifies that administrative expenses be paid from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund. However, as noted in the Technical Note on page 7 of the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note, there are not sufficient resources in the Fixed Utility Fund at the present time to support the expenditures identified in the fiscal note.