

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ECONOMIC RELIEF AND RECOVERY CASH FUND UNDER THE FEDERAL "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021" FOR PURPOSE OF FUNDING VICTIM'S SERVICES PROGRAMS TO ASSIST PERSONS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

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 05/28/21.

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
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$15.0 million from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund in FY 2021-22 to four departments, as follows:

- \$3.0 million to the Department of Public Safety for the Forensic Nurse Examiners Telehealth Program;
- \$6.5 million to the Judicial Department for the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund;
- \$500,000 to the Department of Personnel for the Address Confidentiality Program Fund; and
- \$5.0 million to the Department of Human Services for the Domestic Abuse Program.

However, pursuant to Section 5 of the introduced bill, the \$5.0 million provided to the Department of Human Services for the Domestic Abuse Program must first be transferred to the Colorado Domestic Abuse Program Fund. The current appropriations clause makes a direct appropriation to the program. Additionally, the statutory references for the Economic Recovery and Relief Fund in the appropriations clause are incorrect; the correct reference is Section 24-75-228, C.R.S.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to change the existing clause to correct the statutory references for the Economic Recovery and Relief Fund and to appropriate \$5.0 million cash funds from the Economic Recovery and Relief Fund to the Colorado Domestic Abuse Program Fund, which is further reappropriated to the Department of Human Services for the Domestic Abuse Program.

Points to Consider

None.