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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Herod; McCluskie Sen. Moreno	Bill Status:	House Appropriations
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Bill Topic: **DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT APPROPRIATION**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill codifies the displaced workers grant program in the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) in statute, and shifts a portion of the program appropriation from FY 2020-21 to the current FY 2021-22.

Appropriation Summary: The bill reduces a FY 2020-21 appropriation to the Department of Higher Education by \$13.05 million and increases appropriations to the department for the current FY 2021-22 by the same amount. See State Appropriations Section.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the JBC as part of its FY 2021-22 supplemental budget package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1192

		Prior Year FY 2020-21	Current Year FY 2021-22	Budget Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	(\$13,050,000) ¹	\$13,050,000 ²	-
Transfers		-	-	-
Other Budget Impacts		-	-	-

¹ The FY 2020-21 appropriation for the program from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund, which is reduced in this bill, was authorized to be spent through FY 2021-22.

² Unexpended funds may be spent through FY 2023-24.

Summary of Legislation

The bill codifies the Displaced Workers Grant Program in the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) in statute, and allows grants to be awarded on an annual or more frequent basis, as determined by the executive director. The bill shifts a portion of the program appropriation from FY 2020-21 to the current FY 2021-22, and allows appropriated funds that are not expended prior to July 1, 2022, to be spent in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

Background

COSI is located in the Department of Higher Education. The Displaced Workers Grant Program supports participants whose work has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Supports include scholarships, advising services, and connection and transition to the workforce. Senate Bill 21-232 provided \$15.0 million in coronavirus recovery funds for the program in FY 2020-21.

State Expenditures

The bill does not change the net amount of state funding for the displaced workers grant program in COSI. The bill reduces appropriations in FY 2020-21 by \$13.05 million to reflect actual expenditures, and increases appropriations by the same amount in FY 2021-22 to reflect that the balance of the program's appropriation. Any unspent funds at the end of FY 2021-22 may be spent through the end of FY 2023-24. The program is funded from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund, using money received from federal coronavirus recovery funds.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill includes a reduction in appropriations of \$13,050,000 from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund to the Department of Higher Education.

For the current FY 2021-22, the bill includes an increase in appropriations of \$13,050,000 from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund to the Department of Higher Education, for use by the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Advisory Board. Unexpended funds may be spent through FY 2023-24.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education

Joint Budget Committee