

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG CRIMES.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 04/17/23.

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

Section 23-3.3-103 (1), C.R.S., requires that "student financial assistance under [Article 3.3 of Title 23] increase by at least the same percentage as the aggregate percentage increase of all general fund appropriations to institutions of higher education." This bill includes appropriations for the University of Colorado (an institution of higher education). The additional cost of providing aligned financial aid under Article 3.3 of Title 23, consistent with the provisions of Section 23-3.3-103 (1), C.R.S., is \$18,551 General Fund. Legislative Council Staff concurs with this analysis.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.004/J.002	Bill sponsor amendments - change fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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 \$115,927 General Fund for FY 2023-24, including:

- \$98,465 to the Department of Higher Education;
- \$16,138 to the Department of Public Health and Environment; and
- \$1,324 to the Legislative Department.

L.004 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached), specifies that the program created in this bill is not subject to the statutory requirements in Section 23-3.3-103(1), C.R.S., which requires that financial aid be increased at the same rate as increases in General Fund appropriations for the higher education governing boards.

Amendment **J.002** (attached) adds a provision appropriating a total of \$97,376 General Fund for FY 2023-24, including:

- \$79,914 to the Department of Higher Education;
- \$16,138 to the Department of Public Health and Environment; and
- \$1,324 to the Legislative Department.

If the Committee adopts L.004 it should adopt J.002 and should NOT adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2023-24 based on the March 2023 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides for legislation outside of the package: (1) \$30.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and (2) \$469.0 million for bills that create one-time obligations for FY 2023-24 (see table below).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	
Description	FY 2023-24
Legislation with Ongoing Fiscal Impacts	\$30,000,000
Legislation with One-time Fiscal Impacts	
Workforce-related legislation, including free credentials, math scholarships, adult education, and concurrent enrollment	103,000,000
Housing-related legislation, including property tax relief, land use, and public-private partnerships	221,000,000
Legislation related to topics other than workforce and housing, including rural opportunity, line of duty loss, and Proposition 122 implementation	145,000,000

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JBC Staff Analysis

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	
Subtotal	\$469,000,000
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	\$499,000,000

The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the above placeholders (a total of \$74.9 million).

As currently drafted, this bill creates a one-time obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$115,927 for FY 2023-24, reducing the \$469.0 million set aside by that amount.

As amended by **L.004**, this bill creates a one-time obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$97,376 for FY 2023-24, reducing the \$469.0 million set aside by that amount.