

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO EXPAND THE FORESTRY WORKFORCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN FORESTRY AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION; CREATING A TIMBER, FOREST HEALTH, AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION INDUSTRIES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO HELP FUND INTERNSHIPS IN THOSE INDUSTRIES; ALLOCATING GENERAL FUND MONEY TO THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION AND CREATION OF FORESTRY PROGRAMS; DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION TO ADMINISTER A PROGRAM TO RECRUIT WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION EDUCATORS; AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment 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 04/14/23.

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 appropriates \$1,560,034 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2023-24, including \$1,545,034 appropriated to the

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Department for forestry programs created in this bill and \$15,000 to a cash fund accounted for in this department.

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
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).

This bill creates ongoing obligations and requires a General Fund transfer of \$1,000,000 beginning June 30, 2023 and an appropriation of \$114,384 General Fund for FY 2023-24, reducing the \$30.0 million set aside for ongoing obligations by \$1.1 million.

This bill also creates one-time obligations and requires General Fund appropriations of \$1,445,650 for FY 2023-24 and \$1,030,650 for FY 2024-25 (\$2.5 million total), reducing the \$469.0 million set aside for one-time obligations by \$2.5 million.