

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Reps. Catlin and Lukens

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Sponsor 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 04/26/24.

<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 Health and Human Services Committee Report (05/01/24) 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>
L.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$2,608,696 General Fund in FY 2024-25 for rural health care, including \$1,742,029 for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to distribute to rural hospitals and \$866,667 for the Department of Higher Education that is reappropriated to the University of Colorado for distribution to rural track programs.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**L.002** Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) strikes the appropriation of \$1,742,029 General Fund to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and instead makes a transfer of \$1,742,029 General Fund to a newly created cash fund in the Department that is to be distributed to rural hospitals in equal amounts for the same purpose.

By converting the one-time appropriation in the bill to a one-time transfer, the amendment reduces the amount of General Fund that must be set aside in reserve for the bill by \$261,304. The General Fund reserve is calculate as 15 percent of General Fund appropriations, not transfers.

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

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2024-25 budget package \$2,608,696 General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill.