

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning changes to out-of-network health-care services dispute resolution processes for health insurance carriers.

Prime Sponsors:
Senators Daugherty; Bright
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet
General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/09/2026.

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

Amendments in This Packet

- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.009 Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation.
- L.010 Bill Sponsor amendment – changes fiscal impact and 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 amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$38,212 from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2026-27. Of this amount, \$28,248 is reappropriated to the Department of Law for Legal Services. The appropriation reflects 0.1 FTE in the Department of Regulatory Agencies and 0.1 FTE in the Department of Law.

L.009/L.010

Bill Sponsor amendments **L.009** and **L.010** (attached) remove additional workload for the Department of Regulatory Agencies and the need to contract for legal services. This eliminates the fiscal impact of the bill.

If the Committee adopts L.009 and L.010, it should not adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$57.3 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 13.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2026 Legislation

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$23,222,868
Competency services	20,000,000
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5,900,000
Applied Behavioral Analysis Licensing	5,000,000
County Administration shared services	3,100,000
Medicaid Working Group	500,000
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-396,469
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$57,326,399

General Fund Impact

Pursuant to Section 10-3-209 (4), C.R.S., taxes on insurance premiums are credited to the Division of Insurance Cash Fund (with a maximum transfer of five percent of premium tax collections) to cover appropriations made by the General Assembly. Any increase in appropriations reduces the amount of tax revenue deposited in the General Fund, thereby reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

This bill is anticipated to reduce General Fund revenues by \$38,212, reducing the amount available for appropriation by the same amount.