

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning nonemergency medical transportation for medicaid members, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Representative Stewart K.; Winter T.
Senator Mullica; Kirkmeyer

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund/TABOR Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/05/26.

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

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee Report (05/07/26) clarified that the transportation network company providing non-emergency medical transportation services must meet the driver, vehicle, safety, and credentialing requirements set by the Department. Both the Legislative Council Staff and Joint Budget Committee staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that decreases funding to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for FY 2026-27 by \$76,639 General Fund and \$20,941,853 cash funds from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Hospital Provider Fee Cash Fund. At the same time, the anticipated federal funds increase by \$21,018,492, so there is no net change in total funds.

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

This bill requires a General Fund reduction of \$76,639 for FY 2026-27, increasing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount.