

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning protections for workers necessitated by climate change, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Froelich; Velasco
Senators Cutter; Weissman

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment 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 05/06/2026.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

J.004 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that has since changed due to updated information from the Department. The bill currently appropriates \$63,382 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment, which reflects 0.4 FTE. The updated appropriation is \$76,651 General Fund, which reflects 0.6 FTE.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003

Staff amendment **J.003** (attached) appropriates a total of \$76,651 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 0.6 FTE.

J.004

Staff amendment **J.004** (attached) removes the bill's appropriation.

The Committee may adopt either J.003 or J.004, but not both.

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 \$42.3 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 (\$ in millions)

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$25.9
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5.9
Applied behavioral analysis licensing	5.0
County Administration shared services	3.1
SB 26-042 (Revenue Classification TABOR)	2.3
Medicaid working group	0.5
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-0.4
Total - Placeholders for other legislation	\$42.3

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$76,651 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$42.3 million set aside by the same amount, based on the updated Fiscal Note.

J.004 removes this impact and requires the Department to implement the bill within existing appropriations.