

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**House Appropriations Committee**

Concerning capital needs of rural and frontier hospitals, and, in connection therewith, directing the department of public health and environment to conduct a study and creating a task force to oversee the study.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Representatives Johnson; Lukens  
Senators Pelton R.; Roberts

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet  
Dependent on Gifts, Grants, and Donations

**Fiscal Note Status**

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The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/06/25, including the impact of amendments within the House Health and Human Services Committee Report (03/04/25).

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

The House Finance Committee Report (03/17/25) contains an amendment to the bill to adjust implementation timelines. Legislative Council Staff and Joint Budget Committee Staff agree that the amendment does not change the required appropriation for the bill, but may change the year in which expenditures may occur.

**Amendments in This Packet**

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None.

## Points to Consider

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### Dependent on Gifts, Grants, and Donations

The bill is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations. For implementation, the bill requires a one-time expenditure of \$32,323 before July 1, 2027, depending on the timing of when sufficient gifts, grants, and donations are received. If the necessary revenue from these sources is not realized, the implementation of this bill is at risk. The Department of Public Health and Environment is not required to complete the study if funds are not available. Additionally, Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S., prohibits the future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations.

Is it the General Assembly's intent to fund this program exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations?