

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 03/01/19.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Rural Affairs and Agriculture Committee Report (03/04/19) and the House Appropriations Committee Report (04/12/19) include amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the General Fund fiscal impact of the bill; however, the Appropriations Committee report added a reappropriated funds appropriation, in addition to a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Higher Education, to address a technical issue.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
L.003	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact

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Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides a total of \$100,317 General Fund and \$100,317 reappropriated funds to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Colorado State University System will require an additional 0.9 FTE.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.003 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) clarifies that appropriations to the Food Systems Advisory Council are not subject to the provisions of 23-3.3-103 (1), C.R.S., which require annual appropriations for student financial assistance increase by at least the same percentage as the aggregate percentage increase of all General Fund appropriations to the governing boards.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2019-20 based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$47.9 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$44.7 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,317 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$107,590.

Technical Issue

Section 23-3.3-103 (1), C.R.S., requires that the annual appropriations for student financial assistance increase by at least the same percentage as the aggregate percentage increase of all General Fund appropriations to the governing boards. The Long Bill, S.B. 19-207, includes a financial aid increase that exceeds the minimum required. However, if the General Assembly adopts legislation during the 2019 session that, in aggregate, increases appropriations to the governing boards above the amount in the Long Bill by more than \$706,192, additional financial aid appropriations would be required. Sponsor amendment L.003 addresses this issue.