

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CASH FUNDS TO BE USED TO ADDRESS WILDLAND FIRES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 02/18/21.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
L.001/J.001	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$4.0 million cash funds from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund to the Department of Natural Resources, consistent with the fiscal impact identified in the LCS Fiscal Note.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.001 and J.001

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) increases the transfer of General Fund to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund for the Watershed Restoration Grant Program by \$10,000,000. An increase in the transfer amount requires an increase in the cash

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funds appropriation to provide the spending authority necessary to distribute those funds. Amendment J.001 also designates \$10,000,000 for local matching funds for the federal Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

If the Committee adopts L.001, then it should adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a supplemental budget package for FY 2020-21 based on the December 2020 Office of State Planning and Budget revenue forecast. The three transfers totaling \$13.0 million General Fund for FY 2020-21 included in this bill, including \$6.0 million to the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program Cash Fund, \$3.0 million to the Wildfire Preparedness Fund, and \$4.0 million to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund, will reduce by \$13.0 million the amount of General Fund reserve that is carried forward into FY 2021-22. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2020-21 supplemental budget package the \$13.0 million General Fund revenue decrease that would result from the passage of this bill.

If the Committee adopts L.001 and J.001, net transfers increase by \$10.0 million General Fund to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund, reducing by an additional \$10.0 million the amount of General Fund reserve that is carried forward into FY 2021-22.