

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING GAS PIPELINE SAFETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING AND CLARIFYING THE RULE-MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/17/21.

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

The House Energy and Environment Committee Report (05/20/21) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$423,448 General Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2021-22, based

on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 3.7 FTE. Of that amount, \$53,170 is reappropriated to the Department of Law, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.3 FTE.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$423,448 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.

Section 40-2-110 (1), C.R.S. specifies that the programs administered by the Public Utilities Commission be funded from the Fixed Utility Fund. However, as noted in the Technical Note on page 4 of the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note, there are not sufficient resources in the Fixed Utility Fund at the present time to support the expenditures identified in the fiscal note. If the General Assembly revises the statutory maximum fee, these and future expenses may be paid from the Fixed Utility Fund.