

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT.

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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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/01/22.

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

The House Agriculture, Livestock, & Water Committee Report (04/04/22) 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**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$500,000 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2022-23. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE. The provision also appropriates a total of \$42,859 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment, which is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

**L.002 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) reduces the appropriation to the Department of Agriculture from \$500,000 to \$215,000 General Fund. **J.002** reflects the updated language in **L.002**. If the Committee adopts L.002 they should also adopt **J.002**.

**If the Committee adopts L.002 they should adopt J.002, and not J.001.**

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$542,859 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.

If the Committee adopts **L.002** the ongoing obligation is reduced to \$257,859 General Fund for FY 2022-23.