

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CONDUCT STUDIES TO ASSESS ADVANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS IN RURAL COLORADO.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

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 03/22/23.

	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 Energy & Environment Committee Report (03/29/23) 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.

The Fiscal Note indicates that the bill does not require an appropriation. However, while the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) has statutory authority to transfer money from the Just Transitions Cash Fund (Section 8-83-504 (4)(b)(II), C.R.S.) to other state agencies, the Colorado Energy Office still needs spending authority to expend the transferred money. As such, the bill requires the reappropriation of \$50,000 from the CDLE's Just Transition Cash Fund to the Colorado Energy Office. The original appropriation to the CDLE was made in H.B. 21-1290, and was amended by H.B. 22-1394 to further appropriate the money through FY 2023-24. The bill also requires an appropriation of \$166,374 federal funds from the federal Inflation Reduction Act to the Colorado Energy Office, which is shown for informational purposes only. Legislative Council Staff agrees with this assessment.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	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.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$50,000 to the Office of the Governor for FY 2023-24. These are reappropriated funds from the Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) from revenue from the Just Transition Cash Fund created in Section 8-83-504 (1), C.R.S. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Office will require an additional 0.1 FTE. The provision further appropriates a total of \$166,374 federal funds to the Colorado Energy Office, which is shown for informational purposes only.

Points to Consider

None.