

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING NATURAL MEDICINE.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

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 04/19/23.

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 Senate Finance Committee Report (04/20/23) includes amendments, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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 \$1,572,060 General Fund including \$733,658 General Fund to the Department of Revenue

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for FY 2023-24 and \$838,402 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2023-24. A total of \$291,482 is reappropriated to the Department of Law based on the assumption the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE comprised of \$190,332 from the appropriation to the Department of Revenue and \$101,150 from the Regulated Natural Medicine Access Program Fund created in Section 12-170-106 (1), C.R.S.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2023-24 based on the March 2023 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides for legislation outside of the package: (1) \$30.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and (2) \$469.0 million for bills that create one-time obligations for FY 2023-24 (see table below).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	
Description	FY 2023-24
Legislation with Ongoing Fiscal Impacts	\$30,000,000
Legislation with One-time Fiscal Impacts	
Workforce-related legislation, including free credentials, math scholarships, adult education, and concurrent enrollment	103,000,000
Housing-related legislation, including property tax relief, land use, and public-private partnerships	221,000,000
Legislation related to topics other than workforce and housing, including rural opportunity, line of duty loss, and Proposition 122 implementation	145,000,000
Subtotal	\$469,000,000
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	\$499,000,000

The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the above placeholders (a total of \$74.9 million).

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1,572,060 for FY 2023-24, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes by the same amount. Required appropriations under the bill increase to \$3,702,387 in FY 2024-25 and \$4,041,223 in FY 2025-26.