

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ASSISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN DISASTER-RELATED PROGRAMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING THE SLASH REMOVAL PILOT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAMS.

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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 01/15/24.

<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 Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report (01/25/24) includes an amendment to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendment does 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.003/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 \$448,082 General Fund for FY 2024-25, including \$286,135 to the Department of Higher Education for the Colorado State Forest Service at Colorado State University, and \$161,947 to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2024-25. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Higher Education will require an additional 0.4 FTE, and the Department of Public Safety will require an additional 1.6 FTE.

**L.003 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) strikes the portions of the bill pertaining to the Department of Public Safety responsibilities. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree this eliminates the appropriation for the Department of Public Safety identified in the Fiscal Note. Additionally, the number of grants assumed to be awarded is reduced from 5 to 3 in FY 2024-25, reducing the necessary appropriation to the Department of Higher Education by \$100,000.

Amendment **J.002** (attached) appropriates \$186,135 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for use by the Colorado State Forest Service at Colorado State University in FY 2024-25. The provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE.

**If the Committee Adopts L.003, it should adopt J.002 and should NOT adopt J.001.**

**Points to Consider**

*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$63.1 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$9.5 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	12,043,478
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130

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General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
<b>TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation</b>	<b>\$63,062,537</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$448,082 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount.

If **L.003** and **J.002** are adopted the bill requires an appropriation of \$186,135 General Fund for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount.