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***Fiscal Note  
Memorandum***

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**TO:** Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Assessment of Proposed Amendment **SB153\_L.001**

This memorandum is an assessment of the fiscal impact of the attached proposed amendment L.001 to SB24-153. This fiscal assessment is for the impact of the bill with inclusion of this amendment only. Any other added amendment could influence the fiscal impact.

### **Summary of Proposed Amendment**

Amendment L.001 strikes everything below the enacting clause and requires the State Library in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to expand on-demand news and information services to Coloradoans who are blind or print-disabled and to increase the awareness of such services.

### **Fiscal Impact of Amendment**

The amendment removes the revenue and corresponding expenditure impact on the Colorado Telephone Users with Disabilities Cash Fund, estimated at \$137,800 by the published fiscal note dated February 26, 2024. Instead, with L.001, the bill increases General Fund expenditures by \$215,000 in the CDE, as discussed below.

### **Bill's Revised Fiscal Impact with Amendment**

**State expenditures.** With the adoption of L.001, the bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the CDE by \$215,000 per year starting in FY 2024-25. The funds will be used to expand on-demand news and information services to Coloradoans who are blind or print-disabled and to increase the awareness of such services, estimated as \$85,000 to the Audio Information Network of Colorado (also called Aftersight) and \$130,000 to the National Federation for the Blind. The impact of the bill is summarized in Table 1 below.



**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-153**

		<b>Budget Year</b> <b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>Out Year</b> <b>FY 2025-26</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	General Fund	\$215,000	\$215,000
<b>Transfers</b>		-	-
<b>Other Budget Impacts</b>	General Fund Reserve	\$32,250	\$32,250