

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning judicial officers, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Roberts; Frizell
Representatives Carter; Soper

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/27/25.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.010 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$3,259,663 General Fund to the Judicial Department, including \$2,638,326 to the State Courts and \$621,337 to the Office of State Public Defender. The appropriation also reflects a total of 24.2 FTE. However, the Revised Fiscal Note also identifies a necessary appropriation of \$79,718 General Fund for the Office of the Behavioral Health Court Liaison (Bridges of Colorado) and a reflection of 0.7 FTE.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.010

Staff amendment **J.010** (attached) changes the existing clause to additionally appropriate \$79,718 General Fund for Bridges of Colorado.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2025-26. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$3,339,381 for FY 2025-26, reducing the General Fund available for other FY 2025-26 appropriations by this amount. The bill requires General Fund appropriations of \$12,231,280 in FY 2026-27 and \$11,391,400 in future years.