

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis

Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning measures to address Colorado's behavioral health crisis response.

Prime Sponsors:
Senator Cutter; Amabile
Representative Bradfield

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendments in Packet
General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 01/15/25.

Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared.

The Health and Human Services Committee Report (02/06/25) includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments remove the fiscal impact for the Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing and Public Safety, but increase the fiscal impact for the Behavioral Health Administration to \$150,000 General Fund.

Amendments in This Packet

- J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
- L.003/J.002 Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and 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 amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$150,000 General Fund to the Behavioral Health Administration in the Department of Human Services for FY 2025-26.

L.003

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) changes a reporting deadline for the BHA from 2026 to 2027. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment eliminates the fiscal impact of the bill as amended by the Health and Human Services Committee Report.

If the Committee adopts L.003 it should **not** adopt J.001.

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 \$150,000 for FY 2025-26, reducing the General Fund available for other FY 2025-26 appropriations by this amount.

The General Fund impact is removed if the Committee adopts L.003.