

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning suspending legislative interim activities, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:
Senators Lundeen; Rodriguez
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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment 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 03/17/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill contains an appropriation clause that reduces appropriations to the Legislative Department for FY 2025-26 by \$267,807 General Fund. The appropriation also reflects a reduction of 3.4 FTE. However, the existing appropriation clause does not align with the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note.

In addition, the existing appropriation clause does not account for a Senate amendment that reinstates the Colorado Youth Advisory Council for FY 2025-26, which requires an appropriation increase of \$45,000 General Fund for FY 2025-26 in either this bill or in S.B. 25-188 (Legislative Appropriation Bill), as discussed in the “Technical Note” in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002

Staff amendment **J.002** (attached) adjusts the existing appropriation clause to align the appropriations in the bill with the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note. The amendment changes the existing clause to reduce General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Department for FY 2025-26 by a total of \$272,355 and adjusts the reductions to each component within the Legislative Department to align with the Revised Fiscal Note. The amendment also reflects a reduction of a total of 2.6 FTE for the Legislative Department for FY 2025-26 (as compared to the reduction of 3.4 FTE reflected in the reengrossed bill).

In addition, the amendment adds a provision appropriating \$45,000 General Fund to the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund for FY 2025-26 to support the external contract for the Colorado Youth Advisory Council (as discussed in the “Technical Note” in the Revised Fiscal Note).

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2025-26. The reengrossed bill requires a General Fund reduction of \$267,807 for FY 2025-26, increasing the General Fund available for other FY 2025-26 appropriations by this amount. If amendment **J.002** is adopted, the bill will result in a net General Fund reduction of \$227,355 for FY 2025-26, increasing the General Fund available for other FY 2025-26 appropriations by that amount.