

MEMORANDUM



JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

TO Members of the Joint Budget Committee
 FROM Carolyn Kampman, JBC Staff Director (303-866-4959)
 DATE March 14, 2023
 SUBJECT Governor's Requested Placeholders Not Yet Reviewed by JBC

The Governor's annual budget request includes requested amounts to be appropriated through the annual Long Bill, as well as other amounts to be appropriated or otherwise obligated through other bills. The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is requested to sponsor some of these bills, and other bills will be sponsored by other legislators. Funding that is included in the Governor's proposal for bills other than the Long Bill are generally called "placeholders".

The JBC staff document titled, "Overview of Joint Budget Committee Actions to Date and Pending Items for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24", dated March 14, 2023, includes a General Fund Overview that is intended to provide a framework for the decisions the JBC will be making over the next few days. To date, JBC staff have presented for the Committee's consideration all budget requests that were included in agency budget requests, including placeholders for other bills. **This memo provides a list of the Governor's requested placeholders that have not yet been presented for the JBC's consideration.**

The following table is based on a list of placeholders that was included in a JBC staff document titled, "Overview of FY 2022-23 Supplemental Requests and the December 2022 Revenue Forecasts", dated January 17, 2023 (see Table 3). Staff has eliminated those items that have already been presented to the JBC through the figure setting process. Those placeholders that have been approved by the JBC to date are included in Tables 4a, 4b, and 4c of the March 14 document referenced above.

| GOVERNOR'S REQUESTED FY 2023-24 GENERAL FUND PLACEHOLDERS FOR OTHER BILLS | | |
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| DEPARTMENT | DESCRIPTION | GENERAL FUND |
| Appropriations | | |
| Various | Legislative priorities (all other bills) | \$15,000,000 |
| Governor | OEDIT Rural Opportunity Office (SB 23-006) | 472,000 |
| Treasury | Line of duty loss, medical benefits | 150,000 |
| Subtotal: Appropriations | | \$15,622,000 |
| Transfers Out Of General Fund | | |
| | Property tax relief | \$200,000,000 |
| Early Childhood | "Prepay" for FY 2024-25 to continue funding certain early childhood policies | 100,000,000 |
| Governor | OSP R-01: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund | 91,000,000 |
| Various | Workforce | 70,000,000 |
| | Transfer to the State Emergency Reserve Cash Fund | 50,000,000 |
| Public Health and Environment | "Prepay" related to FY 2022-23 budget request R-01 to continue fee mitigation through FY 2025-26 | 29,000,000 |
| | Land use | 15,000,000 |
| Education | "Prepay" for FY 2024-25 to address declining math scores (HB 23-1231) | 13,000,000 |
| State | Transfer to the Secretary of State Cash Fund to reduce business filing fees | 9,000,000 |
| Natural Resources | R-03: Wildfire Mitigation Investment Package | 9,000,000 |
| Natural Resources | R-17: Water Plan Grant Program Legislative Placeholder | 12,600,000 |
| Regulatory Agencies | Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise | 10,000,000 |
| | Capital inflation | 10,000,000 |

| GOVERNOR'S REQUESTED FY 2023-24 GENERAL FUND PLACEHOLDERS FOR OTHER BILLS | | |
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| DEPARTMENT | DESCRIPTION | GENERAL FUND |
| Education | Concurrent enrollment | 5,000,000 |
| Transportation | Transportation systems | 5,000,000 |
| Agriculture | Wild horse fertility control | 3,000,000 |
| Public Safety | Urgent response fund | 1,000,000 |
| Governor - OEDIT | SolarApp+ | 1,000,000 |
| Personnel | EcoPass | 685,000 |
| Revenue | Kratom regulation (SB 23-147, which was postponed indefinitely) | 500,000 |
| Education | Modify statutory transfers from Marijuana Tax Cash Fund to the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Fund for the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Program | 0 |
| Subtotal: Transfers Out of General Fund | | \$634,785,000 |
| TOTALS | | \$650,407,000 |

Staff has shaded those items that staff understands the JBC is requested to sponsor. If staff was able to find a bill that has been introduced that appears to relate to a topic, that bill number is listed in the description.

Generally, staff recommends that the JBC consider establishing a single placeholder to cover General Fund fiscal impacts of all bills. The prioritization of these bills will be determined through the actions of the Appropriations Committees and the General Assembly. In some instances, however, the JBC does identify placeholders for a specific bill. This usually includes the legislative appropriation bill and the school finance bill, and it may include placeholders for other bills that are high priorities and have bipartisan support.