

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FOREST HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 2020 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES TO CONTINUE THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND CONTINUING IT FOR FIVE YEARS.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/08/21.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2021-22.

Points to Consider

Related Budget Information

The Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated March 8, 2021 indicates that the costs associated with this bill are expected to be funded from the Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Colorado State Forest Service at Colorado State

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University. Under current law, this fund receives annual transfers of up to \$1.305 million from Tier 2 Severance Tax funds. These Severance Tax transfers are not expected to be available in FY 2021-22. However, the Joint Budget Committee has voted to include an appropriation of \$2,000,000 General Fund in the FY 2021-22 Long Bill for the Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Fund. This analysis reflects the assumptions that this Long Bill amount will be included in the enacted Long Bill and that the costs associated with this bill will be supported within these resources.