

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING SUPPORTING THE EDUCATOR WORKFORCE IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/21/21.

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
J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$12,095,842 General Fund for FY 2021-22, including appropriations of \$9,132,856 to the Department of Education and \$2,962,986 to the Department of Higher Education (see the table below). This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Education will require an additional 4.3 FTE and the Department of Higher Education will require an additional 1.5 FTE.

S.B. 21-185 FY 2021-22 Appropriations		
	Amount (General Fund)	FTE
Department of Education		
Educator Effectiveness Unit Administration	\$1,087,310	3.8
Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation Program (TREP)	45,546	0.5
Educator Recruitment and Retention (ERR)	5,000,000	0.0
Quality Teacher Recruitment Program	3,000,000	0.0
Subtotal Department of Education	\$9,132,856	4.3
Department of Higher Education		
Colorado Commission on Higher Education	\$64,023	1.0
Educator Loan Forgiveness Fund	2,500,000	0.0
Educator Loan Forgiveness Program Administration	398,963	0.5
Subtotal - Department of Higher Education	\$2,962,986	1.5
Total Appropriations (Amendment J.002)	\$12,095,842	5.8

However, the bill does not currently include appropriations for the Educator Well-being and Mental Health Program, which was added to the bill in the House Education Committee Report (05/20/21).

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$239,778 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2021-22 and reappropriating this amount to the University of Colorado. The amendment provides funding for the Educator Well-being and Mental Health Program included in the House Education Committee Report.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2021-22 budget package \$13,398,963 General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill. This bill, as amended by the House Education Committee, requires General Fund appropriations of \$12,335,620 for FY 2021-22 and \$14,256,584 for FY 2022-23.