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# Final Fiscal Note

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0890      **Date:** September 9, 2021  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Zenzinger; Kirkmeyer      **Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**Bill Topic:**      **DISPLACED WORKERS GRANT**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill appropriates \$15.0 million for displaced worker grants through the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. The bill includes a state transfer, and increases state expenditures in the current FY 2020-21 and potentially in FY 2021-22.

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**Appropriation Summary:** In the current FY 2020-21, the bill includes an appropriation of \$15.0 million to the Department of Higher Education.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the enacted law.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-232**

		<b>Current Year FY 2020-21</b>	<b>Budget Year FY 2021-22</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	Cash Funds*	\$15,000,000	-	-
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	-	-
<b>Transfers</b>	General Fund	(\$15,000,000)	-	-
	Cash Funds*	\$15,000,000	-	-
	<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$0</b>	-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-	-

\*Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill appropriates \$15.0 million from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund, which contains federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding, to the Department of Higher Education for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) displaced workers grant program. Any funding not spend in FY 2020-21 may be spent in FY 2021-22. The bill also appropriates \$15.0 million from the General Fund to the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund.

## **Background**

COSI's displaced workers grant program supports participants whose work has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Supports include scholarships, advising services, and connection and transition to the workforce. Participating institutions of higher education include Arapahoe Community College, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado Mesa University, Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, and Metropolitan State University.

## **State Transfer**

In FY 2020-21, the bill appropriates \$15.0 million from the General Fund to the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures by \$15.0 million in the Department of Higher Education in the current FY 2020-21, and if funding is remaining, in FY 2021-22. Costs will be used for scholarships and other supports provided through the institutions participating in COSI's displaced workers program.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 24, 2021.

## **State Appropriations**

In the current FY 2020-21, the bill includes an appropriation of \$15,000,000 from the Workers, Employers, and Workforce Centers Cash Fund to the Department of Higher Education. This amount is further appropriated for FY 2021-22.

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## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Higher Education