

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE DENVER-METROPOLITAN REGIONAL NAVIGATION CAMPUS GRANT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

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Sens. Coleman and Hansen

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

New Cash Fund (with Continuous Appropriation)

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 04/27/22.

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
L.002/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - makes a technical correction

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.002 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) amends the Transportation & Local Government Committee Report (04/26/22) to change the fiscal year in which the General Assembly is required to appropriate money to the Department of Human Services from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$44,557 cash funds to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23 from the Regional Navigation Campus Cash Fund in the Department of Local Affairs. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE to implement the act.

The Committee should adopt both **L.002** and **J.002**.

Points to Consider

Legislative Appropriation Authority

Continuous spending authority, also known as **continuous appropriations**, allows departments to spend money for statutorily specified purposes up to the amount of money in the fund without seeking annual legislative approval. An annual appropriation provides a limit on spending authority, while a continuous appropriation provides unlimited spending authority.

This method of funding moves these expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process. Is it necessary for the Department of Local Affairs to **not** seek annual authority from the General Assembly to spend money from Regional Navigation Campus Cash Fun?