

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second and Third Year

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 04/22/22.

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
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.010/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill, as amended by the Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee Report (04/12/22), includes an appropriation clause that provides \$7.0 million cash funds from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to the Department of Human Services for the Employment Opportunities with Wages Program. However, as identified by the Revised Fiscal Note (04/22//22), the Department requires an additional appropriation of \$20.7 million cash funds in FY 2022-23 from the Colorado Long-term Works Reserve for basic cash assistance payments through

the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, updates to the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS), and for the implementation of the bill. It is assumed that the Department will require an additional 5.0 FTE for the implementation of the bill.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$20,692,704 cash funds from the Colorado Long-term Works Reserve to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23, of which \$1,066,400 is reappropriated to the Governor's Office for the provision of information technology services. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 5.0 FTE.

L.010 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.010** (attached) amends the Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee Report (04/12/22) to change the increase in basic cash assistance payments for FY 2022-23 to 10.0 percent of the prior year amount for such payments. This will reduce the FY 2022-23 basic cash assistance payments from \$19.2 million to \$11.4 million. Staff has prepared **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$12,824,070 cash funds from the Colorado Long-term Works Reserve to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23, of which \$1,066,400 is reappropriated to the Governor's Office for the provision of information technology services. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 5.0 FTE. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree on the fiscal impact of these amendments.

If L.010 is adopted, then J.002 should be adopted but not J.001.

Points to Consider*Future Fiscal Impact*

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2022-23, it is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$11.6 million in FY 2023-24 and \$16.4 million in FY 2024-25. Additionally, the bill is projected to require appropriations from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund of \$11.6 million in FY 2023-24 and \$16.4 million in FY 2024-25. The required appropriations from both the General Fund and the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund would continue to increase in FY 2025-26 and ongoing.