

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS THAT COMBINE BASIC EDUCATION COURSE WORK WITH SKILLS TRAINING.

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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 03/28/13.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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

Section 23-3.3-103, C.R.S., requires that the annual appropriations for student financial assistance increase by at least the same percentage as the aggregate percentage increase of all General Fund appropriations to institutions of higher education. As a result, the increase for the College Opportunity Fund fee-for-service contract with the community colleges authorized pursuant to this bill must be accompanied by a proportional increase for financial aid of \$23,395 General Fund.

Legislative Council Staff concurs with this analysis.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating, for FY 2013-14, \$154,695 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education, including \$23,395 for financial aid need based grants and \$131,300 for College Opportunity Fund fee-for-service contracts. The fee-for-service contract amount (\$131,300) is reappropriated to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee introduced a budget package for FY 2013-14 based on the March 2013 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package appropriates all but approximately \$8.0 million of General Fund revenues projected to be available, less a statutorily required five percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$154,695 for FY 2013-14.