

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE COLORADO CAREERS ACT OF 2013.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Duran and Melton
Senator Kerr

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 01/28/13.

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

The House Business, Labor, Economic, and Workforce Development Committee Report (02/07/13) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the impact of the bill.

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 \$2,273,693 General Fund and 1.9 FTE to the Division of Employment and Training, Workforce Development Council line item in the Department of Labor and Employment in FY 2013-14. This amount is further reappropriated to the Career Pathways Fund.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

1. 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 \$2,273,693 for FY 2013-14.

Technical Issues

2. Unemployed individuals may enroll in approved training programs to qualify for enhanced unemployment insurance benefits. The bill expands the definition of approved training programs to include organizations providing training with these grant moneys. Enhanced benefits are paid from federal funds and are available through FY 2013-14. At the end of FY 2013-14, or when the available \$8.0 million federal funds for benefits is expended, no additional funds are available.

3. This bill creates the new Career Pathways Initiative Fund, which would consist of General Fund appropriated by the General Assembly for the new cash fund. Is it necessary to appropriate General Fund into a new cash fund and then appropriate moneys from the new cash fund to the Department for the Career Pathways Initiative, rather than simply appropriating General Fund directly to the Department for the Initiative?