

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF CAREER PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS FOR CRITICAL OCCUPATIONS IN GROWING INDUSTRIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 04/17/15.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
<b>XXX</b>	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Education Committee Report (04/23/15) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The fiscal impact is updated to address a technical issue. The reengrossed bill eliminated a reference to creating a microsite on a specific website managed by the Department of Higher Education (DHE) and instead included a more general requirement that the State Workforce Development Council collaborate with the DHE to create a microsite. In light of this, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), rather than the DHE, should receive the \$200,000 General Fund appropriation to build the microsite. The DHE should receive a \$200,000 reappropriated funds appropriation to provide spending authority for funds received from the CDLE. This adjustment does not change the bill's total General Fund impact. Legislative Council Staff concurs with this analysis.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.005	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$572,003 General Fund and \$86,960 reappropriated funds for this act for FY 2015-16. This amount includes: \$285,043 General

Fund to the CDLE for the Workforce Development Council, based on the assumption that the Council will require an additional 2.5 FTE; \$200,000 General Fund to the DHE for Colorado Commission on Higher Education administration; and \$86,960 General Fund to the DHE for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions. This \$86,960 is reappropriated to the state community college system.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.005** Staff has prepared amendment **J.005** (attached) to make the following adjustments for FY 2015-16: (1) increase the General Fund appropriation to the CDLE for the Workforce Development Council by \$200,000; (2) reduce the General Fund appropriation to the DHE for Colorado Commission on Higher Education Administration by \$200,000; and (3) increase the reappropriated funds appropriation to the DHE by \$200,000.

With these changes, the appropriation clause will appropriate a total of \$572,003 General Fund and \$286,960 reappropriated funds for this act in FY 2015-16. This amount includes: \$485,043 General Fund to the CDLE for the Workforce Development Council, based on the assumption that the Council will require an additional 2.5 FTE; \$86,960 General Fund to the DHE for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions; and \$286,960 reappropriated funds to the DHE, including \$86,960 reappropriated within the Department for fee-for-service contracts with the state community college system and \$200,000 for amounts transferred from the CDLE for Colorado Commission on Higher Education Administration.

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates a total of \$18.5 million General Fund to be available to fund 2015 legislation. If the full \$18.5 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.