

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning measures to support early childhood health by integrating early childhood health-care systems into communities.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Cutter
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, Amendments in Packet

Dependent on Gifts, Grants, and Donations/Other Funding Sources

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/14/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

L.003/J.002 Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

The bill permits but does not require the Department to implement the provisions of the bill, and implementation is subject to available funding. If the General Assembly intends for the Department to implement the provisions of the bill, staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of

\$2,884,538 General Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for FY 2025-26. The appropriation reflects 3.2 FTE.

L.003 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) removes data collection requirements from the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment reduces the fiscal impact to \$775,100. If the General Assembly intends for the Department to implement the provisions of the bill, staff amendment **J.002** (attached) appropriates a total of \$775,100 General Fund to the Department of Early Childhood for FY 2025-26. The appropriation reflects 2.3 FTE.

The Committee may choose to adopt or not adopt either **J.001** or **J.002** depending on whether it wishes to appropriate funds to implement the provisions of the bill. **If the Committee adopts L.003 and chooses to appropriate funds to implement the provisions of the bill, it should also adopt J.002 and NOT J.001.**

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The bill is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations or other external sources of funding. For implementation, the bill requires expenditures of \$2,949,729 in FY 2025-26 and \$1,550,650 in FY 2026-27. With the adoption of **L.003**, that amount is reduced to up to \$822,472 in FY 2025-26 and \$824,936 in FY 2026-27. If the necessary revenue from these or other external sources is not realized, the implementation of this bill is at risk. Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S., prohibits the future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations.

Is it the General Assembly's intent to fund this program exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations?