

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis

Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning nursing facility fees collected by the Colorado healthcare affordability and sustainability enterprise, and, in connection therewith, authorizing the enterprise to provide additional services to nursing facilities in exchange for the fees collected and making and reducing appropriations.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Bridges; Amabile
Representatives Bird; Sirota

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund/TABOR Impact

Significant Appropriation/Transfer Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/31/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation and technical amendment.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that changes cash funds appropriations for FY 2025-26. First, it reduces cash funds appropriations by \$65,136,502, including \$62,986,221 from the Medicaid Nursing Facility Cash Fund and \$2,150,281 from the Service Fee Fund. Second, it makes new cash fund appropriations of \$65,136,502, including \$62,986,221 from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Nursing Facility Provider Fee Cash Fund and \$2,150,281 from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Intermediate Care Facility Fee Cash Fund for the same purposes.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) adjusts the appropriations in the bill to include changes to FY 2024-25 appropriations. The amendment reduces FY 2024-25 appropriations by \$10,140,369, including \$9,781,898 from the Medicaid Nursing Facility Cash Fund and \$358,471 from the Service Fee Fund. Second, it makes new cash fund appropriations of \$10,140,369, including \$9,781,898 from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Nursing Facility Provider Fee Cash Fund and \$358,471 from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Intermediate Care Facility Fee Cash Fund for the same purposes.

In addition, the amendment adds bill number references that were missing from the introduced bill.

Points to Consider

General Fund/TABOR Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC assumed as part of its FY 2025-26 budget package decreases in the General Fund obligation for a TABOR refund of \$10,140,370 in FY 2024-25 and \$65,202,711 in FY 2025-26 for implementation of this bill.