JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING CREATION OF A JAIL STANDARDS COMMISSION TO STANDARDIZE THE OPERATION OF COLORADO JAILS.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 03/31/22.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact and appropriation

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 a total of \$278,671 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2022-23. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.4 FTE.

L.006 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) creates a legislative oversight committee concerning Colorado jail standards. It also requires Legislative Council and Legislative Legal Services to supply staff to the newly-created committee. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that this change would require an additional appropriation of \$96,039 General Fund and 0.9 FTE for FY 2022-23. Amendment **J.002** includes these appropriations, as well as the appropriations to the Department of Public Safety that are also included in amendment J.001.

If the House Appropriations Committee adopts **L.006**, it <u>should</u> adopt **J.002** and <u>should not</u> **J.001**.

If **L.006** is adopted, the bill should be referred, as amended, to the Legislative Council, rather than to the Committee of the Whole.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$278,671 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.