

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis

House Appropriations Committee

Concerning medicaid reimbursement for community health workers.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Kirkmeyer; Bridges
Representatives Bird; Taggart

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

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

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

Amendments in This Packet

L.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

L.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) restores the bill to how it came out of Senate Appropriations. With the sponsor amendment, the new reimbursements for community health workers that are scheduled to begin under current law in July 2025 will be stopped. The sponsor amendment decreases funding for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing by \$11,726,508, including \$2,807,023 General Fund, \$685,499 cash funds from the Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee, and \$8,233,986 federal funds.

Points to Consider

General Fund 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 has included as part of its FY 2025-26 budget package a reduction of \$2,807,023 General Fund appropriations to be included in this bill.

The bill that came out of the Senate did not include the \$2,807,023 General Fund savings. Sponsor amendment **L.002** restores the \$2,807,023 General Fund savings.