

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning careless driving resulting in serious bodily injury.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Carson; Snyder
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

Appropriation Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/24/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

L.014 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.014

Bill Sponsor amendment L.014 (attached) strikes the entire printed bill. It keeps only a few components, including specifying that individuals who drive carelessly and cause serious bodily injury or death face separate violations for each person affected. Additionally, it clarifies that such reckless driving is considered an included crime under the Victim Rights Act. This amendment eliminates the \$11,058 appropriation for FY 2026-27.

Points to Consider

Future Fiscal Impact

Increases in cash fund expenditures require either an increase in fee or assessment revenue or a draw-down of existing reserve balance. Eventually, the cash fund will have to generate revenue on an ongoing basis to sustainably pay for an ongoing expenditure. In a TABOR refund year, cash fund revenue increases require a TABOR refund paid from the General Fund of an equal amount.

Although this bill does not have an immediate General Fund or TABOR impact, it includes one-time cash fund expenditures of \$11,058 for FY 2026-27.

The Department of Revenue has indicated that current expenditure projections show the DRIVES Cash Fund balance will be exhausted within the next two years. If the Department is unable or unwilling to implement fee increases, General Fund may be necessary to support these rising expenditures.

Amendment L.014 would eliminate this FY 2026-27 expenditure.