JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning tax incentives for businesses that transition to employee-owned businesses in whole or in part.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Lindstedt; Taggart Senator Bridges Date Prepared: April 23, 2025 JBC Analyst: Jon Catlett 303-866-4386

Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund/TABOR Impact

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second and Third Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/27/25.

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

The Finance Committee Report (03/03/25) contains amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause.

Points to Consider

TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

The March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast projects a TABOR surplus liability of \$642.7 million for FY 2025-26 and \$775.8 million for FY 2026-27 to be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund. The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 OSPB revenue forecast.

This bill is estimated to reduce General Fund revenues by approximately \$1.5 million in FY 2026-27, which will result in a reduction in the TABOR surplus liability of equal amounts.

Future Fiscal Impact

This bill will reduce General Fund revenues by an estimated \$1.5 million in FY 2026-27 and by \$3.0 million in FY 2027-28, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.