# JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning costs associated with the provision of ground ambulance services.

**Prime Sponsors:** 

Representatives McCormick; Brown

Senators Baisley; Mullica

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# **Fiscal Impacts**

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

## **Fiscal Note Status**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/04/2025.

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

#### **Amendments in This Packet**

J.001

Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

#### **Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

# **Description of Amendments in This Packet**

#### J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$38,149 cash funds from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2025-26. The appropriation reflects 0.4 FTE.

## **Points to Consider**

#### **General Fund Impact**

Pursuant to Section 10-3-209 (4), C.R.S., taxes on insurance premiums are credited to the Division of Insurance Cash Fund (with a maximum transfer of five percent of premium tax collections) to cover appropriations made by the General Assembly. Any increase in appropriations reduces the amount of tax revenue deposited in the General Fund, thereby reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$18.2 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

| General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2025 Legislation |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Description  | FY 2025-26 Appropriation |
| Juvenile diversion, deflection, or detention                       | \$10,000,000             |
| General Assembly legislative priorities                            | 6,521,739                |
| Voter approved initiatives   | 1,700,000                |
| Total  | \$18,221,739             |

This bill reduces General Fund revenues by \$45,928 in FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by the same amount.