

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE "WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT OF COLORADO", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING CHANGES THAT AFFECT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF BENEFITS, GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND CONSERVATOR SERVICES, BENEFIT OFFSETS RELATED TO THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL DISABILITY OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS, THE REDUCTION OF BENEFITS BASED ON APPORTIONMENT, THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINERS, LIMITS ON TEMPORARY DISABILITY AND PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY PAYMENTS, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ADMISSIONS OF LIABILITY, MILEAGE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT, THE AUTHORITY OF PREHEARING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES, THE REOPENING OF PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY AWARDS, AND PETITIONS FOR REVIEW AND APPEALS OF ORDERS.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Gray and Van Winkle
Sens. Bridges and Cooke

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Appropriation Items of Note**Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet****General Fund Impact (second year)****Significant Cost Increase in Second Year****Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/16/21.

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

The Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report (02/24/21) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2021-22.

Points to Consider*Future Fiscal Impact*

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2021-22, it is projected to require total statewide appropriations of \$170,000 in FY 2022-23 and subsequent years, including an estimated \$70,720 General Fund annually.