

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning measures to reinvent postsecondary and workforce readiness programs, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Bridges; Kirkmeyer
Representatives Bird; Sirota

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/30/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides net appropriations reductions of \$5,677,589 cash funds to the Department of Education for FY 2025-26, including a reduction of \$4,200,641 cash funds from the State Education Fund and a reduction of \$1,476,948 cash funds from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, and an increase of 3.9 FTE.

Points to Consider

Related Budget Information

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 provisions of this bill, in combination with adjustments included in the Long Bill and other budget package bills to eliminate older

postsecondary workforce readiness programs, is anticipated to generate net savings of at least \$9.5 million per year from the State Education Fund, Marijuana Tax Cash Fund, and General Fund. This includes savings of \$8.0 million from the State Education Fund and Marijuana Tax Cash Fund related to this bill. These savings are anticipated to be fully realized in FY 2027-28, when school finance “hold harmless” provisions related to the ASCENT program roll off.