

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**House Appropriations Committee**

Concerning programs for child care assistance.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Representatives Garcia; Willford  
Senators Cutter; Bright

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Appropriation Increase in Third Year

**Fiscal Note Status**

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The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/13/26.

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

**Amendments in This Packet**

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None.

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill does not require nor contain an appropriation clause.

**Points to Consider**

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**General Fund Impact**

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2026-27. This bill delays a General Fund appropriation of \$5,466,924 for FY 2026-27 that otherwise would have been made, increasing the General Fund available for other FY 2026-27 appropriations by this amount.

**Future Fiscal Impact**

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2026-27 or FY 2027-28, it is projected to require an appropriation of \$5,466,924 in FY 2028-29. This appropriation is assumed to come from General

Fund, but it may also come for federal funds. The actual cost will also depend on the number of families enrolled in the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program and their incomes.