

**JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

Concerning measures to protect the safety of individuals who are immigrants in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

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**Prime Sponsors:**

Representative Velasco; Garcia  
Senator Jodeh; Weissman

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**Fiscal Impacts**

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Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

General Fund/TABOR Impact

**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 05/05/25.

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

**Amendments in This Packet**

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J.002            Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$107,283 General Fund for FY 2026-27. However, amendments adopted in the House on second reading require the department to collect the inspection fee before conducting the inspection, rather than after. This change will allow the department to expend collected fees for inspection costs, instead of using General Fund.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.002**

Staff amendment **J.002** (attached) changes the existing clause to appropriate \$107,283 cash funds from the Immigration Facility Inspection and Detention Cash Fund instead of General Fund.

## Points to Consider

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The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$42.3 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 13.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

### General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2026 Legislation (\$ in millions)

Item	FY 2026-27
SB 26-149 (Pathways for Individuals with Mental Health Disorders)	\$25.9
Potential prison capacity supplemental	5.9
Applied behavioral analysis licensing	5.0
County Administration shared services	3.1
SB 26-042 (Revenue Classification TABOR)	2.3
Medicaid working group	0.5
HB 26-1331 (Modify 2026 Interim Committees)	-0.4
<b>Total - Placeholders for other legislation</b>	<b>\$42.3</b>

### General Fund Impact

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$107,283 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million set aside by the same amount. If the committee adopts amendment **J.002** this General Fund appropriation is eliminated.

### TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

This bill is estimated to increase cash fund revenues by \$131,643 in FY 2026-27 and by \$72,315 in FY 2027-28, which will reduce the available General Fund in each fiscal year by equal amounts. This bill increases the TABOR refund paid from the General Fund by \$131,643 for FY 2026-27, reducing the \$57.3 million General Fund set aside for FY 2026-27 by the same amount.

### Revenue Source/Future Budget Processes

The LCS Revised Fiscal Note includes a departmental difference. The Department assumes that the federal government may not pay the inspection fees that fund the inspection program created in the bill. The Revised Fiscal Note states that if neither fees nor fines are paid by the federal government, then General Fund would be requested through the annual budget process.