

**JBC STAFF REVISED FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Prime Sponsors: Representative Snook  
Senator Hernandez

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 1/10/01 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note was Prepared (amended by the Senate Business, Labor, and Finance Committee 1/16/01)**

The bill was amended to *require*, rather than allow, the General Assembly to appropriate up to \$10,000,000 from the operational account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of increasing available funds under the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). Based on the appropriation clause included in the bill, the Legislative Council staff fiscal note assumed that the full \$10.0 million would be appropriated for such purpose. Thus, **the amendment does not affect the fiscal impact of the bill.**

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**       **Does Not Concur**       **Updated**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that, for *FY 2000-01*, appropriates \$10,000,000 cash funds from the operational account of the Severance Tax Fund to the Department of Human Services, Self-Sufficiency, Special Purpose Welfare Programs for the purpose of increasing available funds under the LIEAP program.

**Sponsor Amendments**

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

**Questions and Concerns**

The Department has indicated that an *additional* \$19,757,979 will be available for the LIEAP program in FY 2000-01, including \$18,882,979 federal funds and \$875,000 in donations from the Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation. Thus, a total of \$39,252,633 is projected to be available for the LIEAP program in the current year. If this bill is adopted, a total of \$49,252,633 would be available for the LIEAP program in the current year.