

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE DENIAL OF BENEFITS BY HEALTH COVERAGE PLANS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING RECOVERIES TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Steadman and Keller
Reps. Looper and Primavera

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 04/12/10 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$184,072 total funds and 2.8 FTE to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in FY 2010-11. Of this amount, \$92,036 is from General Fund and \$92,036 is from federal funds.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) provides that this bill will only take effect if SB 10-167 is enacted with net General Fund savings that are equal to or greater than the General Fund impact of this bill. Senate Bill 10-167 contains provisions related to Medicaid efficiencies and the Colorado Medicaid False Claims Act. Currently, the bill is assessed as reducing General Fund expenditures by \$345,368.

Whether or not L.006 is adopted, J.001 should be adopted.

Points to Consider

The Joint Budget Committee has introduced a balanced budget package for FY 2010-11 based on the March 2010 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$92,036 for FY 2010-11. (Amendment **L.006** would ensure that these General Fund expenditures are offset by General Fund savings resulting from another bill).