

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF CIVIL UNIONS.

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/15/11 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared**

None.

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

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

**Reason for the Update**

The Children's Basic Health Plan Trust is appropriated to the dollar in the annual Long Bill. As a consequence, a \$4 General Fund appropriation must be substituted for the \$4 appropriation from the Trust that is indicated in the March 15, 2011, Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note.

**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 the amounts listed in the following table for FY 2011-12. In addition to these dollar appropriations, the bill appropriates 0.2 FTE to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

<b>FY 2011-12 Appropriations in J.001</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Department of Public Health and Environment</b>	
Health Statistics and Vital Records	
Center for Health and Environmental Information Systems	
Cash Funds - Vital Statistics Records Cash Fund	<u>\$10,976</u>
<b>Department of Regulatory Agencies</b>	
Division of Insurance	
Cash Funds - Division of Insurance Cash Fund	<u>4,066</u>
<b>Department of Health Care Policy and Financing</b>	
Department of Human Services Medicaid-funded Programs	
Office of Information Technology Services - Medicaid Funding	
Colorado Benefits Management System *	<u>2,312</u>

<b>FY 2011-12 Appropriations in J.001</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	1,152
Cash Funds - Old Age Pension Cash Fund	5
Cash Funds - Children's Basic Health Plan Trust (Indicated in the Fiscal Note but not appropriated here.)	0
Federal Funds	1,155
<b>Department of Human Services</b>	
Office of Information Technology Services	
Health Information Management System Office of Information Technology, Colorado Benefits Management System **	<u>6,242</u>
General Fund	1,532
Cash Funds - Old Age Pension Cash Fund	290
Reappropriated Funds from the Department. of Health Care Policy and Financing (from * above)	2,312
Federal Funds	2,108
<b>Governor - Lieutenant Governor - State Planning and Budgeting</b>	
Office of Information Technology	
Statewide Information Technology Services	
Colorado Benefits Management System	
Reappropriated Funds from the Department of Human Services (from ** above)	<u>6,242</u>
<b>TOTAL - All Departments</b>	
	<u>29,838</u>
General Fund	2,684
Cash Funds	15,337
Reappropriated Funds	8,554
Federal Funds	3,263

In total this appropriation agrees with the appropriation presented in the March 15, 2011, Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note, but the distribution of funds differs by \$4. The Fiscal Note states that \$4 should be appropriated from the Children's Basic Health Plan Trust to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Because the Trust is appropriated to the dollar in the annual Long Bill, it can provide nothing for this bill. As a consequence, staff has substituted a \$4 General Fund appropriation for the \$4 appropriation from the Trust.

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Sponsor amendment **J.002** (attached) delays the implementation of the bill's life and health insurance provisions until January 1, 2012. The introduced bill states that a member of a civil union may be considered a dependent for life insurance or health care coverage. Normally the Division of Insurance at the Department of Regulatory Agencies reviews forms submitted by insurance companies in January, i.e. once per year. The introduced bill's effective date of September 1, 2011, requires an out-of-cycle review, which would cost \$4,066. By delaying the health and life insurance provisions until January 1, 2012, Amendment J.002 eliminates the need for this review and thus eliminates the cost to the Division of Insurance. The amendment also contains an appropriation

clause that appropriates 0.2 FTE to the Department of Public Health and Environment and makes the appropriations listed in the table below for FY 2011-12 (the same as in J.001, except for the elimination of the \$4,066 appropriation to the Division of Insurance).

**If the Committee adopts amendment J.002, amendment J.001 should not be adopted.**

<b>FY 2011-12 Appropriations in J.002</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Department of Public Health and Environment</b>	
Health Statistics and Vital Records	
Center for Health and Environmental Information Systems	
Cash Funds - Vital Statistics Records Cash Fund	<u>\$10,976</u>
<b>Department of Health Care Policy and Financing</b>	
Department of Human Services Medicaid-funded Programs	
Office of Information Technology Services - Medicaid Funding	
Colorado Benefits Management System *	<u>2,312</u>
General Fund	1,152
Cash Funds - Old Age Pension Cash Fund	5
Cash Funds - Children's Basic Health Plan Trust (Indicated in the Fiscal Note but not appropriated here.)	0
Federal Funds	1,155
<b>Department of Human Services</b>	
Office of Information Technology Services	
Health Information Management System Office of Information Technology, Colorado Benefits Management System **	<u>6,242</u>
General Fund	1,532
Cash Funds - Old Age Pension Cash Fund	290
Reappropriated Funds from the Department. of Health Care Policy and Financing (from * above)	2,312
Federal Funds	2,108
<b>Governor - Lieutenant Governor - State Planning and Budgeting</b>	
Office of Information Technology	
Statewide Information Technology Services	
Colorado Benefits Management System	
Reappropriated Funds from the Department of Human Services (from ** above)	<u>6,242</u>
<b>TOTAL - All Departments</b>	
	<u>25,772</u>
General Fund	2,684
Cash Funds	11,271
Reappropriated Funds	8,554
Federal Funds	3,263

**Points to Consider**

1. This bill will increase FY 2011-12 General Fund appropriations by \$2,684 and will require equal General Fund reductions to be taken elsewhere to ensure the FY 2011-12 budget is balanced, based on the December 2010 Legislative Council Staff Revenue Forecast.
  
2. The bill will reduce FY 2011-12 General Fund revenues by \$4,066, and will require that equal General Fund reductions be taken elsewhere to ensure the FY 2011-12 budget is balanced, based on the December 2010 Legislative Council Staff Revenue Forecast. (Sponsor amendment J.002 eliminates this concern.)