

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF EDUCATOR LICENSES.

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Sens. Nicholson and White

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/18/11 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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

Amendments/Appropriation Status

This bill does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to reduce the cash funds appropriation that will be included in the 2011 Long Bill to the Department of Education from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund for the Office of Professional Services by \$28,351 and 1.0 FTE, consistent with the workload reduction described in the Legislative Council Staff fiscal note.

Please note, however, that this bill would also continuously appropriate moneys in the Educator Licensure Cash Fund to the Department for the costs incurred in the administration of the Colorado Educator Licensing Act. Thus, appropriations from the Educator Licensure Cash Fund in the 2011 Long Bill would be informational only and would not limit Department expenditures.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) would limit the continuous spending authority for moneys in the Educator Licensure Cash Fund to three fiscal years (through FY 2013-14). The amendment would also require the Department to report to the Education Committees and the Joint Budget Committee concerning expenditures from the Fund and the Department’s progress in meeting the goal of reducing the processing time for issuing or renewing an educator license.

This amendment does not affect the impact of the bill as reflected in the Legislative Council Staff fiscal note. Thus, this amendment does not conflict with J.001.

Points to Consider

None.