

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL TOURISM PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE COLORADO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THROUGH THE “COLORADO REGIONAL TOURISM ACT”.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/09/14.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Finance Committee Report (04/10/14) indicates that the General Assembly shall appropriate \$50,000 to the Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) for FY 2014-15 for additional analytical work related to regional tourism projects. The source of the funds is not identified in the Report, and staff assumes a General Fund appropriation is required.

The Report also authorizes the Economic Development Commission to approve funding of up to 50 percent (rather than 25 percent) of the sales tax increment. This change could decrease State General Fund revenues relative to the introduced bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add provisions for the following:

HB14-1350

JBC Staff Analysis

- Provides OSPB with \$176,454 cash funds spending authority for FY 2014-15 to contract directly with a third-party for an economic analysis of regional tourism projects. The source of cash funds is fees paid by applicants for regional tourism projects. Note, spending authority in this amount assumes that OSPB will receive three applications for regional tourism projects in FY 2014-15 and a cost of \$58,818 per analysis. If OSPB receives fewer or more applications, spending authority may require future adjustment;
- Appropriates \$50,000 General Fund to OSPB for additional analytical work related to regional tourism projects;
- Appropriates \$43,260 General Fund to the Department of Revenue for FY 2014-15 for the programming costs associated with tracking the annual and cumulative dollar amount remitted to each district; and
- Pursuant to direction from the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees, this amendment includes a provision to access the \$20.0 million General Fund that has been set aside in the Joint Budget Committee's FY 2014-15 budget package to fund 2014 legislation. For FY 2014-15, this amendment accesses \$93,260 of the set-aside moneys to cover the two General Fund appropriations.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2014-15 based on the March 2014 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$20.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2014 legislation; if the full \$20.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will be credited to the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund.