

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING AERIAL FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS THROUGH THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE DIVISION REGARDING THE COLORADO FIREFIGHTING AIR CORPS.

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**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/15/14.

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

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

| Amendment | Description                            |
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| 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 a provision appropriating \$231,335 General Fund and 2.8 FTE to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety for FY 2014-15 for the operation of a center of excellence for advanced technology aerial firefighting. 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 set-aside moneys to offset the FY 2014-15 General Fund appropriation of \$231,335 for the center of excellence.

**Points to Consider**

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*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, as amended by General Assembly action on the Long Bill (H.B. 14-1336) and the capital construction transfer bill (H.B. 14-1342), allocates \$20.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2014 legislation and leaves approximately \$7.9 million General Fund unallocated for FY 2014-15. The FY 2014-15 Long Bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$19,672,000 for funding of the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps. The Long Bill does not, however, include funding for the Center of Excellence created in this bill.