

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the use of artificial-intelligence-enabled detection components to mitigate wildfires.

Prime Sponsors:

Senator Daugherty

Representatives Weinberg; Brown

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, Amendments in Packet

General Fund Impact

New Cash Fund

Dependent on Gifts, Grants, and Donations

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/07/25.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill. The Revised Fiscal Note: (1) identifies expenditures of up to \$1,000,000 for FY 2025-26 based on estimated revenue from the fund source identified in the introduced bill; and (2) estimates that single detection components cost approximately \$50,000 annually.

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

L.005 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2025-26.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$2,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2025-26, including \$1,000,000 General Fund and \$1,000,000 reappropriated funds from the Fire Technology Cash Fund. Staff amendment J.001 is not required by the bill.

L.005

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) adds a provision that specifies that any vendor agreement shall not commit the Department to continue funding for technology purchased through a single gift, grant, or donation.

The Committee may adopt J.001, L.005, or both.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The bill is dependent on gifts, grants, and donations. For implementation, the bill authorizes expenditures for artificial intelligence-enabled wildfire detection components. The Revised Fiscal Note identifies expenditures of up to \$1,000,000 in FY 2025-26 and of up to \$2,000,000 in FY 2026-27. If the necessary revenue from these sources is not realized, the implementation of this bill is at risk. The future use of General Fund, or any other source of state funding, to implement a bill that is exclusively funded by gifts, grants, and donations is prohibited pursuant to Section 24-75-1305, C.R.S.

Is it the General Assembly's intent to fund this program exclusively through gifts, grants, and donations?