

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE'S AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTORBOATS AND SAILBOATS IN WATERS OF THE STATE, INCREASING PENALTIES RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE, AND COMBINING TWO SEPARATE FUNDS RELATED TO THE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM INTO ONE FUND.

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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 01/16/18.

XXX	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>
	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 Senate Finance Committee Report (03/08/18) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2018-19. Under current law, both the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Aquatic Nuisance Species Fund and the Division of Wildlife Aquatic Nuisance Species Fund are continuously appropriated to the Division of Parks and Wildlife to implement the Aquatic Nuisance Species Program. Section 8 of the printed bill combines these two Funds and the resulting Fund has continuously appropriated authority for the same purpose.

Points to Consider

Related Budget Information

As discussed on page 2 of the bill's Fiscal Note, the average annual operating cost of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Program is \$4.5 million. The fees in this bill are estimated to generate approximately \$2.3 million and \$2.4 million cash funds in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, respectively. This leaves a funding gap of approximately \$2.2 million. In order to fully fund this program, another revenue source will need to be identified.