

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL TO CERTAIN DEFENDANTS AT THEIR FIRST APPEARANCES IN MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Lontine and Carver
Senator Marble

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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 04/19/18.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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 \$2,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Local Affairs for FY 2018-19. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

J.002 Bill Sponsor amendment **J.002** (attached) makes the same appropriation as J.001, except that it appropriates only \$1,853,037 General Fund to the Department of Local Affairs for FY 2018-19 (\$146,963 less than J.001).

The Committee should adopt J.001 or J.002, but not both.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2018-19 based on the March 2018 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2018-19 budget package a \$2,000,000 General Fund appropriation for FY 2018-19 for implementation of this bill.