

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DEFERRING THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO REPEAL.

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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 02/01/18.

<b>XXX</b>	<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**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 a total of \$49,125 General Fund to the Legislative Department for FY 2018-19. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE to implement the act.

**Points to Consider**

*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2018-19 based on the March 2018 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$40.8 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$38.3 million General Fund to fund 2018 legislation and maintain a 6.5 percent

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General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$49,125 for FY 2018-19, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$52,318.

*Related Budget Information*

Staff's understanding is that the existing appropriation for the Wildfire Matters Review Committee was removed from the Legislative budget pending the passage S.B. 18-039, and the continuation of the Committee. Amendment J.001 would restore the Committee's appropriation.