

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE PROPERTY-RELATED EXPENSE ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

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Senator Zenzinger

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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 01/25/19.

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 House Finance Committee Report (01/28/19) 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
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.004/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> the 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 \$24,847 General Fund to the Department of Revenue for FY 2019-20 for administrative expenses. In addition, for informational purposes only, the annual Long Bill includes an amount to reflect anticipated expenditures by the Department of Revenue for the Old Age Heat and Fuel and Property Tax Assistance Grant Program. Amendment J.001 adjusts this amount to reflect the anticipated increase in expenditures with the bill.

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JBC Staff Analysis

L.004 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.004** (attached) decreases the increased rebate grant amounts and the increased income eligibility. These amendments do not change the appropriation for administrative expenses but decrease the informational appropriation adjustment and the fiscal impact reflected on page 3 of the Fiscal Note as follows:

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>
PTC Expansion to all Renters	\$190,600	\$373,500
Increased Rebate Grant Amounts	143,900	438,400
Increased Income Eligibility	<u>316,000</u>	<u>635,700</u>
Subtotal	\$650,500	\$1,447,600

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to appropriate \$24,847 General Fund to the Department of Revenue for FY 2019-20 for administrative expenses, and it adjusts the informational amount reflected in the Long Bill to reflect the anticipated increase in Grant Program expenditures of \$650,500 with amendment **L.004**.

If the Committee adopts L.004, it should adopt J.002 instead of J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2019-20 based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$47.9 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$44.7 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$24,847 for FY 2019-20 and increases General Fund expenditures for the Grant Program by \$1,975,500, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$2,002,148.

For FY 2020-21 and future fiscal years, the bill increases General Fund expenditures by \$4,078,600.

Sponsor amendment L.004 reduces the General Fund impact to \$677,148 in FY 2019-20 and \$1,447,600 in FY 2020-21 and future fiscal years.