

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO IMPROVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PRACTICES.

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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 04/03/19.

	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>
XXX	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 Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Report (04/05/19) includes amendments that modify the FY 2019-20 fiscal impact shown in the most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note by a minor, yet-to-be determined amount. Additionally, the Report increases the FY 2020-21 fiscal impact shown in the Fiscal Note by an estimated \$50.0 million total funds, including \$12.7 million General Fund. As of the date of this analysis, the actual fiscal impact of these amendments has not been quantified.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Based on the information included in the most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note, staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$363,501 total funds, including \$123,290 General Fund, to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 3.0 FTE. Additionally, the

amendment adds a provision appropriating \$88,248 from the Division of Insurance Cash Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2019-20. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.1 FTE.

L.006 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) amends the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Report resulting in modifications to the FY 2019-20 fiscal impact shown in the most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note by a minor, yet-to-be determined amount. Additionally, the amendment decreases the FY 2020-21 estimated fiscal impact of the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Report by an estimated \$50.0 million total funds, including \$12.7 million General Fund.

The Committee should adopt amendment J.001 whether or not it adopts amendment L.006. If the bill passes the House, any updates to the FY 2019-20 appropriation included in amendment **J.001** that are necessitated by the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee Report and/or amendment **L.006** could be made in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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 \$65.2 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$60.8 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$123,290 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$132,229.

Additionally, this bill is anticipated to reduce General Fund revenues by \$88,248, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by the same amount. Pursuant to Section 10-3-209 (4), C.R.S., taxes on insurance premiums are credited to the Division of Insurance Cash Fund (with a maximum transfer of five percent of premium tax collections) to cover appropriations made by the General Assembly. Any increase in appropriations reduces the amount of tax revenues deposited in the General Fund, thereby reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.