

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A JUST TRANSITION FROM A COAL-BASED ELECTRICAL ENERGY ECONOMY.

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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 04/09/19.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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 Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report (04/10/19) includes amendments to the bill. These amendments increase the number of Advisory Committee members and therefore increase the cost of the bill. This update also includes a technical correction to ensure that costs for members of the Advisory Committee who are legislators are assigned to the Legislative Department. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree on the revised fiscal impact shown in the table below.

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
General Fund (CDLE)	\$163,010	\$165,604
General Fund (Legislature)	1,838	1,838
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$164,848	\$167,442
Centrally Appropriated	28,070	30,938
Totals	\$192,918	\$198,380
FTE	1.8	2.0

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
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: (1) appropriating \$163,010 General Fund to a new cash fund and reappropriating this amount and 1.8 FTE to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2019-20; and (2) appropriating \$1,838 General Fund to the Legislative Department for FY 2019-20.

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 \$164,848 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$176,799.

Revenue Source

Is it necessary to appropriate money in the General Fund to a separate cash fund rather than directly appropriating General Fund for Just Transition Office? This funding method complicates the budget process, making it more difficult to identify programs and services that are supported by the General Fund.