

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF HARD CIDER FROM THE "COLORADO WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 03/04/19.

	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>
	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

Page three of the attached Fiscal Note indicates that this bill will decrease General Fund obligations for TABOR refunds by up to \$5,000 in FY 2019-20, based on the Legislative Council Staff (LCS) December 2018 revenue forecast. However, the LCS March 2019 forecast projects that revenue earned in FY 2019-20 that is subject to the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) spending limit will fall short of the excess state revenues ("Referendum C") cap by \$69.5 million. Thus, based on the most recent LCS forecast, this bill will not affect a TABOR refund obligation in FY 2019-20.

Additionally, the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Report (03/06/19) and the Senate Appropriations Committee Report (04/12/19) include 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
	None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$2,000 General Fund to the Department of Revenue 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 \$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 \$2,000 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$2,145.