

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING CREATING A STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

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 02/26/20.

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 Finance Committee Report (02/13/20) 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

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 \$2,121,199 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2020-21. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 2.4 FTE.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2020-21 based on the following:

- the May 12, 2020, Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast;
- a school finance bill placeholder for a reduction of \$723.8 million General Fund;
- a placeholder for the reduction of \$202.0 million General Fund through one or more non-JBC package bills; and
- an adjusted statutory General Fund reserve percentage of 3.84 percent equal to \$402.0 million.

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,121,199 for FY 2020-21, thereby decreasing the proposed fiscal year-end General Fund reserve or increasing the proposed placeholder reductions by the same amount. This amount is anticipated to increase to \$3,962,871 General Fund in FY 2021-22.