

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL DROUGHT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 05/18/21.

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

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 \$101,333 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2021-22. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$101,333 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.

Legislative Authority

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" money in the Agriculture Drought and Climate Resiliency Cash Fund? This method of funding essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.