

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING VOTER TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS TO INCREASE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FISCAL IMPACT OF STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES THAT WOULD RESULT IN A CHANGE IN DISTRICT REVENUE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 05/27/21.

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.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$7,865 General Fund and 0.1 FTE to the Legislative Department for FY 2021-22. As included in the Revised Fiscal Note, the bill requires an additional appropriation of \$36,000 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for FY 2021-22.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$36,000 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for FY 2021-22.

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 \$7,865 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.

Technical Issues

Section 4 of the bill, includes a provision added in the House State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee Report (05/24/21) that references a JBC staff document, the "Budget in Brief", that was not prepared or published in 2020 and is not anticipated to be prepared or published in 2021 or future years.

Section 1-40-106 (3)(j), C.R.S., added to the bill in the Committee Report, includes the following:

"(j) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "AREAS OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURE" MEANS CATEGORIES OF SPENDING BY ISSUE AREA. FOR STATE EXPENDITURES, "PROGRAM EXPENDITURE" REFERS TO TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM, AS LISTED IN THE "BUDGET IN BRIEF" PREPARED BY THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE MOST RECENT FISCAL YEAR."

Categories of spending by issue area by program identified in past Budget in Brief documents include the following:

- Education (K12)
- Human Services/Health Care
- Corrections/Judicial
- Higher Education
- Transportation
- General Government
- Other

The Committee and the General Assembly should consider amending this provision to eliminate the reference to the Budget in Brief document and may wish to refer directly to the categories listed above.