

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE SUICIDE RATE AMONG VETERANS.

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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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/04/21.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee Report (03/18/21) 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**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.005	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact

**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 \$1,681,600 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2021-22.

**L.005** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) makes a technical correction to add "educational organizations" to two locations in the bill. An amendment was added during the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee that added educational organizations to the bill. A separate amendment was adopted that referred to nonprofit organizations, but not educational organizations. This amendment adds references to educational organizations in these two spots.

**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 \$1,681,600 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount, and is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$2,963,200 in FY 2022-23, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.