

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE HAZARD MITIGATION FUND; TRANSFERRING MONEY INTO SPECIALLY DESIGNED WILDFIRE FUNDS; AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

New Cash Funds (with Continuous Appropriations)

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 05/11/21.

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
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2021-22.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2021-22 budget package the FY 2020-21 transfer of \$25,000,000 General Fund to the various wildfire risk mitigation cash funds that would result from the passage of this bill. Specifically, the JBC package includes a place holder of \$800.0 million General Fund for those bills that are part of the "State Stimulus Package", and this bill is part of that package.

Legislative Authority

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" money in the Hazard Mitigation Fund and the Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund? This method of funding essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.