

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REGULATING CONTROLLED BURNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Not 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 03/23/22.

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
L.008	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>but not</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2022-23.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.008 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.008** (attached) removes an amendment adopted by the House Energy & Environment Committee that required a one-time transfer of \$760,000 General Fund in FY 2022-23 to a continuously appropriated cash fund and an annual transfer of \$185,000 General Fund each fiscal year thereafter, and adds a one-time transfer of \$100,000 General Fund in FY 2022-23.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and includes a General Fund transfer of \$760,000 for FY 2022-23 and \$185,000 each fiscal year thereafter, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.

If the Committee adopts L.008, the transfer is reduced to a one-time obligation and includes a General Fund transfer of \$100,000 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$900.0 million set aside by the same amount.