

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO FUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, 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 04/26/22.

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
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes a clause that appropriates a total of \$90.0 million cash funds from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23 and makes those funds available to the Department through June 30, 2024. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 5.0 FTE in FY 2022-23 and 4.5 FTE in FY 2023-24 to implement the act.

However, the appropriation clause does not include separate funding for the Substance Use Workforce Stability Grant Program that was added to the bill during second reading in the House. In addition, to be consistent with other legislation using this fund source, the bill would need to make

appropriations from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund available through December 30, 2024 (rather than June 30, 2024).

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to replace the existing appropriation clause with a new provision appropriating a total of \$90.0 million cash funds from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23 and making those funds available to the Department through December 30, 2024. In alignment with the reengrossed bill and the revised fiscal note, the bill specifies that \$75.0 million is for the Behavioral Health-care Continuum Gap Grant Program and \$15.0 million is for the Workforce Stability Grant Program. The amendment also states that the appropriations are based on the assumption that the Department will require 5.0 FTE in FY 2022-23 and 4.5 FTE in FY 2023-24 to implement the act.

Points to Consider*Future Fiscal Impact*

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2022-23 or FY 2023-24, it is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$390,827 in FY 2024-25 and \$195,412 in FY 2025-26.