

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING INCREASING ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY WORKFORCE READINESS WITH FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION.

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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 04/22/22.

<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

\*JBC Staff assumes 2.8 FTE for the Department of Education and 5.0 FTE for the Department of Higher Education, rather than 2.6 FTE for the Department of Education and 4.5 FTE for the Department of Higher Education. These assumptions do not modify the dollar appropriations required.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.003/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

**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 \$6,750,000 General Fund to two departments in FY 2022-23. This includes \$5,500,000 to

the Department of Education, which is based on an assumption that the Department will require an additional 2.8 FTE, and \$1,250,000 to the Department of Higher Education, which is based on an assumption that the Department will require an additional 5.0 FTE. Of these amounts, the total amount for the Department of Education and \$1.0 million of the amount for the Department of Higher Education may be expended through FY 2024-25.

**L.003 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) includes the following provisions:

- Increases the percentage of money appropriated for the Postsecondary, Workforce, Career, and Education Grant Program that may be used to offset costs incurred in implementing the program from 3.0 percent to 10.0 percent.
- Reduces the FY 2022-23 appropriation required for this grant program from \$5,000,000 General Fund to \$1,125,000 General Fund.

Amendment **J.002** (attached) includes the same provisions as J.001 except that it reduces the appropriation for the Postsecondary, Workforce, Career, and Education Grant Program from \$5,000,000 General Fund to \$1,125,000 General Fund and the associated FTE from 1.7 to 0.8 FTE. With this change, the amendment provides a total appropriation of \$2,875,000 General Fund. This includes \$1,625,000 to the Department of Education, which is based on an assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.9 FTE, and \$1,250,000 to the Department of Higher Education, which is based on an assumption that the Department will require an additional 5.0 FTE. Of these amounts, the total amount for the Department of Education and \$1.0 million of the amount for the Department of Higher Education may be expended through FY 2024-25.

**The Committee may adopt J.001 OR the combination of L.003 and J.002 but should not adopt any other combination of amendments.**

**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.

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2022-23 budget package \$250,000 General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill.

In addition, this bill includes one time obligations and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$6.5 million for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$900.0 million set aside by \$7.5 million in order to maintain a 15.0 percent statutory General Fund reserve. If amendments L.003 and J.002 are adopted, the bill requires a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,625,000, reducing the \$900.0 million set aside by \$3.0 million in order to maintain a 15.0 percent statutory General Fund reserve.