

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BY REDUCING CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION.

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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 02/28/2024.

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

The Energy and Environment Committee Report (03/21/24) 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

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
J.002	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 \$1,829,087 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2024-25. Of this amount, \$310,449 is further appropriated to the Department of Law. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Public Health and Environment will require an additional 4.5 FTE and that the Department of Law will require an additional 1.3 FTE.

J.002 Bill sponsor appropriation amendment **J.002** (attached) adds a provision appropriating a total of \$2,577,341 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2024-25. Of this amount, \$310,449 is further appropriated to the Department of Law. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Public Health and Environment will require an additional 11.9 FTE and that the Department of Law will require an additional 1.3 FTE.

The Committee should adopt either J.001 OR J.002, but not both.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$93.5 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$14.0 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	42,478,261
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	\$93,497,320

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1,829,087 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$93.5 million set aside by the same amount. If **J.002** is adopted, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,577,341 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$93.5 million set aside by the same amount.

Future Fiscal Impact

The bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$1,829,087 for FY 2024-25. The appropriation is projected to increase by 33.4 percent, to \$2,440,913 General Fund, in FY 2025-26. If **J.002** is adopted the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,577,341 for FY 2024-25. The appropriation is projected to increase by 23.7 percent, to \$3,189,167 General Fund, in FY 2025-26.

Related Budget Information

Amendment **J.002** includes funding for the Department of Public Health and Environment's FY 2024-25 R7 (Environmental Justice Enforcement) budget request, which was not adopted by the Joint Budget Committee during figure setting for the Department on March 1, 2024.