

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS FOR ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE WITH WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Simpson and Bridges  
Reps. Lynch and McCormick

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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 03/18/24.

XXX	<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

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

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002/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 \$255,401 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2024-25. Of this amount, \$15,362 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

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**JBC Staff Analysis**

Health and Environment will require an additional 0.4 FTE and the Department of Law will require an additional 0.1 FTE

**L.002 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** clarifies that the universities are to complete the feasibility study on green infrastructure for water quality compliance with existing resources, on which the Department of Public Health and Environment may advise. Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$50,651 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2024-25. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE.

**If L.002 is adopted, the Committee should adopt J.002 and NOT J.001.**

**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
<b>TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation</b>	<b>\$93,497,320</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of either \$255,401 or \$50,651 for FY 2024-25, depending on whether J.001 or J.002 is adopted, reducing the \$93.5 million set aside by the same amount.