

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDERTAKE CERTAIN MEASURES IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendments 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 04/03/24.

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
L.002/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$150,000 General Fund to the Department of Law for FY 2024-25, however, the Revised Fiscal Note identifies a required appropriation of \$100,000 General Fund.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to change the existing clause to appropriate

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JBC Staff Analysis

\$100,000 to the Department of Law for FY 2024-25.

L.002 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) removes from the bill a study required to be performed by the Department of Law with result reported to the Joint Judiciary Committee. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment eliminates the required appropriation. JBC Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to strike the current appropriation clause in the bill.

If the Committee adopts amendment L.002 it should also adopt amendment J.002 and not amendment 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 (OSP) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$63.1 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 \$9.5 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	12,043,478
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	\$63,062,537

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount. If the Committee adopts amendments **L.002** and **J.002**, the bill no longer requires a General Fund appropriation.