

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DEFERRING THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO REPEAL AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 02/01/18.

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 Senate Appropriations Committee Report (adopted by the Senate on 04/11/18) and the House Local Government Committee Report (04/25/18) include amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that these amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$49,125 General Fund to the Legislative Department, including \$41,484 for use by Legislative Council and \$7,641 for use by the Office of Legislative Legal Services. The clause also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.4 FTE.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2018-19 based on the March

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2018 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$40.8 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$38.3 million General Fund to fund 2018 legislation and maintain a 6.5 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$49,125 for FY 2018-19, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$52,318.

Related Budget Information

Staff's understanding is that the existing appropriation for the Wildfire Matters Review Committee was removed from the Legislative budget pending the passage S.B. 18-039, and the continuation of the Committee. The appropriation in the bill restores the Committee's appropriation.