

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF THE "HEALTH CARE COST SAVINGS ACT OF 2019" THAT CREATES A TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE HEALTH CARE FINANCING SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO GIVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDINGS REGARDING THE SYSTEMS' COSTS OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE TO RESIDENTS OF THE STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, 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 04/24/19.

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
None.	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides a total of \$100,000 General Fund in FY 2019-20, including \$92,649 for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for operating expenses of the task force and the contract analyst plus \$7,351 for the legislature for per diem payments for legislators serving on the task force. The appropriations clause includes a statement that the General Assembly has determined the staffing for the task force can be implemented within existing appropriations and no separate appropriation of state money is necessary to carry out this purpose of the act.

The amount in the appropriations clause is less than the full cost identified in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (04/24/19) to conduct the analysis, but it complies with the \$100,000 limit on annual appropriations on page 10 lines 15-17 of the bill. The remaining costs will need to be addressed through gifts, grants, and donations, or the task force will need to direct the vendor how

to reduce the scope of work to fit the available funds pursuant to page 10, lines 10-13 of the bill.

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2019-20 based on the March 2019 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package leaves approximately \$47.9 million General Fund unallocated. Thus, the General Assembly could appropriate up to \$44.7 million General Fund to fund 2019 legislation and maintain a 7.25 percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for FY 2019-20, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by \$107,250.