

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM, 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 02/19/19.

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 neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2019-20. Money transferred to the Rural Development Grant Program Cash Fund is continuously appropriated to the Office of Economic Development.

**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 \$65.2 million General Fund unallocated. This bill is anticipated to reduce General Fund revenues by \$2.5 million, reducing the excess General Fund reserve by the same amount.

*Legislative Authority*

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" money in the Rural Development Grant Program Cash Fund? This method of funding the activities of the Office essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.