

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "IMMEDIATE FAMILY", REMOVING A REQUIREMENT THAT A CLAIMANT SUFFERING FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROVIDE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE CLAIMANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS, AND LIMITING THE MEANING OF CERTAIN INSTANCES OF THE TERM "REMUNERATION" TO DESCRIBE A SEVERANCE ALLOWANCE.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/09/20.

<b>XXX</b>	<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

The Finance Committee Report (03/10/20) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
None.	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2020-21.

**Points to Consider**

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*Related Budget Information*

As indicated in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated March 9, 2020, the bill is expected to increase expenditures from the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund by up to \$1.5 million in FY 2020-21 and \$3.0 million in FY 2021-22. The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is expected to be close to insolvent by the end of FY 2019-20, after which the State will borrow from the federal government to continue to pay unemployment insurance benefits. From FY 2014-15 through FY 2018-19, benefits paid from the Trust Fund averaged approximately \$450 million per year. Benefits paid are expected to exceed \$1.5 billion in FY 2019-20, based on recent projections.