

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment 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 03/18/21.

	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>
XXX	Update: Fund source 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 Finance Committee Report (05/19/21) does not change the fiscal impact of the bill, but changes the fund source from the Department of State Cash Fund to the General Fund. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the fund source from which the appropriation must be made is the General Fund.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.002	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$580,000 cash funds from the Department of State Cash Fund to the Department of State for FY 2021-22. The Senate Finance Committee Report (05/19/21) includes an amendment that requires a General Fund appropriation for this bill.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to change the existing clause to appropriate \$580,000 from the General Fund rather than the Department of State Cash Fund.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$580,000 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.