

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING FUNDING TO PROVIDE JUST TRANSITION FOR COAL TRANSITION WORKERS AND COAL TRANSITION COMMUNITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, 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 05/10/21.

<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

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

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill, as amended by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report, includes an appropriation clause that provides \$15,000,000 cash funds to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2020-21, which may be spent through FY 2022-23. The appropriation includes \$8,000,000 from the Just Transition Cash Fund and \$7,000,000 from the Coal Transition Worker Assistance Program Account of the Just Transition Cash Fund. The appropriation clause also states that the appropriation from the Coal Transition Worker Assistance Program Account is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.0 FTE. The fiscal note indicates that a total of 2.0 FTE is required, rather than the 1.0 FTE reflected in the appropriation clause.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.001** Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to specify that the appropriation from the Just Transition Cash Fund is also based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.0 FTE. With this change, the appropriation clause will specify that the Department will require 2.0 FTE total. The amendment also corrects a technical error in the statutory citation for the Just Transition Cash Fund.

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

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2021-22 budget package \$15,000,000 General Fund to be appropriated for implementation of this bill. Specifically, the JBC package includes a place holder of \$800.0 million General Fund for those bills that are part of the "State Stimulus Package", and this bill is part of that package.