

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ENHANCED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS, 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

Significant General Fund Increase in Third Year

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 04/26/22.

XXX	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>
	Update: Fiscal impact 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

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 a clause that appropriates a total of \$52,849,599 cash funds from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund (which originated as federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act) to the Department of Human Services for FY 2022-23. This provision makes the funds available to the Department through December 30, 2024, and also indicates that the appropriation is based on an assumption that the Department will require 4.0 FTE in FY 2022-23 and 4.0 FTE in FY 2023-24 to implement the bill.

However, the current appropriation does not align with the assumptions in the most recent revised fiscal note (dated 04/26/22). Specifically, the appropriation to the Division of Child Welfare requires an increase of \$1,818,350 to align with the updated assumptions regarding contract costs for respite care beds and operational support as shown in the fiscal note. The fiscal note assumes that the appropriation in this bill could cover those (contract) costs through FY 2024-25 based on the assumption that the funds could be obligated by December 30, 2024.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to modify the existing appropriation clause to provide an additional \$1,818,350 cash funds from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund to the Department of Human Services (specifically to the Division of Child Welfare) for FY 2022-23, which amount is available to the Department until December 30, 2024. Amendment J.002 would align the appropriation in the bill with the most recent revised fiscal note.

Points to Consider*Future General Fund Impact*

While the bill does not require a General Fund appropriation in FY 2022-23 or FY 2023-24, it is expected to require appropriations of at least \$12,662,442 General Fund in FY 2024-25 and \$22,800,839 in FY 2025-26.