

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING INCREASING THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEER AND SEASONAL FIREFIGHTERS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Reps. Cutter and Will

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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 04/14/22.

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

The House Transportation & Local Government Committee Report (04/19/22) 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

Amendment	Description
L.008/J.003	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund to the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Cash Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Department of Public Safety.

Description of Amendments in This Packet**L.008 and J.003**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.008** and **J.003** (attached) reduce the FY 2022-23 appropriation in the bill to \$1,000,000 General Fund to the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Cash Fund, and require an ongoing appropriation of \$5,000,000 General Fund to the cash fund beginning in FY 2023-24.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

The reengrossed bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000,000 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.

If the Committee adopts L.008 and J.003, the FY 2022-23 General Fund appropriation is reduced to \$1,000,000, but the ongoing obligation will remain at \$5,000,000 General Fund beginning in FY 2023-24.