

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS WHO RAISE WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No 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 03/11/22.

<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 Senate Appropriations Committee Report (03/18/22) 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**

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

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$646,128 General Fund, including \$417,629 to the Department of Labor and Employment and \$228,499 to the Department of Personnel for FY 2022-23, and reappropriating \$134,549 to the Department of Law for FY 2022-23. The appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Labor and Employment will require an additional 4.3 FTE and the Department of Law will require an additional

0.8 FTE.

### 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.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$646,128 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.