

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST MOBILE HOME OWNERS SEEKING TO PURCHASE THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

New Cash Fund (with Continuous Appropriation)

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 04/21/22.

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
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$384,019 reappropriated funds from the Department of Local Affairs to the Office of Information Technology and \$29,571 reappropriated funds from the Department of Local Affairs to the Department of Law. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Office of Information Technology will require an additional 4.3 FTE and the Department of Law will require an additional 0.2 FTE to implement the act.

Points to Consider*Legislative Appropriation Authority*

Continuous spending authority, also known as **continuous appropriations**, allows departments to spend money for statutorily specified purposes up to the amount of money in the fund without seeking annual legislative approval. An annual appropriation provides a limit on spending authority, while a continuous appropriation provides unlimited spending authority.

This method of funding moves these expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process. Is it necessary for the Department of Local Affairs to **not** seek annual authority from the General Assembly to spend money from Mobile Home Park Resident Empowerment Loan and Grant Program Fund?