

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANT FUND.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet**

**General Fund Impact**

**Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/18/22.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
<b>XXX</b>	<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 Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Report (04/21/22), adopted by the Senate on second reading (04/26/22), includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment creates an ongoing transfer of \$148,000 General Fund to the Conservation District Grant Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.

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

Amendment	Description
None.	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2022-23.

**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 \$148,000 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.