

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE WILDFIRE RESILIENT HOMES GRANT PROGRAM.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

New Cash Fund

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 04/05/23.

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 Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources Committee Report (04/13/23) 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
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$2,000,000 cash funds from the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2023-24, which originates as a General Fund transfer to the cash fund in the bill. The cash fund is created in the bill and is subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly.

L.002 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) reduces the transfer in the bill from \$2.0 million to \$100,000 General Fund, and specifies that applicant income may be considered to prioritize grant awards. Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$100,000 cash funds from the Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program Cash Fund to the Department of Public Safety in FY 2023-24.

If the Committee adopts **L.002**, it should **adopt J.002** and **not J.001**.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2023-24 based on the March 2023 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides for legislation outside of the package: (1) \$30.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and (2) \$469.0 million for bills that create one-time obligations for FY 2023-24 (see table below).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	
Description	FY 2023-24
Legislation with Ongoing Fiscal Impacts	\$30,000,000
Legislation with One-time Fiscal Impacts	
Workforce-related legislation, including free credentials, math scholarships, adult education, and concurrent enrollment	103,000,000
Housing-related legislation, including property tax relief, land use, and public-private partnerships	221,000,000
Legislation related to topics other than workforce and housing, including rural opportunity, line of duty loss, and Proposition 122 implementation	145,000,000
Subtotal	\$469,000,000
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2023 Legislation	\$499,000,000

The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the above placeholders (a total of \$74.9 million).

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JBC Staff Analysis

This bill creates a one-time obligation and requires a General Fund transfer of \$2.0 million for FY 2023-24, reducing the \$469.0 million set aside by that amount. If the Committee adopts **L.002**, the one-time obligation is reduced to \$100,000, reducing the \$469.0 million set aside by that amount.