

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WILDFIRE DETECTION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 01/10/23.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$2.0 million General Fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2023-24. The fiscal note indicates that an appropriation of \$2.0 million General Fund is required over four fiscal years, including \$720,368 General Fund for FY 2023-24.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to reduce the existing appropriations clause to align with the fiscal note. This provision appropriates \$720,368 General Fund to the Department of Public Safety in FY 2023-24. This provision also states that the appropriation

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is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.8 FTE to implement the bill. Appropriations for future fiscal years will be addressed through the annual budget process.

The Committee may **choose** to adopt **J.001** or retain the existing appropriations clause in the introduced bill.

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).

The fiscal note assumes that the bill creates a one-time obligation of \$2.0 million General Fund for FY 2023-24, reducing the \$469.0 million set aside by that amount.