

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING CREATING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOOD BENEFITS TO STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS DURING SUMMER MONTHS, 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 11/18/23.

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| 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 reengrossed bill includes committee amendments adopted on second reading in the Senate (11/17/23). Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Technical note

The Revised Fiscal Note identifies the following FY 2024-25 appropriations in Table 2 (page 3):

- \$3,676,693 total funds, split evenly between General Fund and federal funds, and 4.0 FTE for the Department of Human Services; and
- \$866,175 total funds, split evenly between General Fund and federal funds, and 3.5 FTE for the Department of Education.

The FY 2024-25 appropriations will be included in each department's FY 2024-25 Long Bill budget.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

| Amendment | Description |
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| None. | |

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriations clause that appropriates:

- \$3,140,412 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2023-24, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.6 FTE and the Department will receive an equal amount of federal funds to implement the act; and
- \$169,870 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2023-24, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.8 FTE and the Department will receive an equal amount of federal funds to implement the act.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$3,310,282 for FY 2023-24, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes in FY 2023-24 or FY 2024-25 by the same amount.

FY 2023-24 General Fund Reserve. The required General Fund reserve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is 15.0 percent of FY 2023-24 General Fund appropriations. Based on the September 2023 economic forecasts, both OSPB and LCS anticipate the General Fund reserve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 to exceed the statutorily required reserve. OSPB anticipates an excess reserve of \$183.7 million and LCS anticipates an excess reserve of \$1.5 million.