

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING CREATING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOOD BENEFITS TO STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Zenzinger and Bridges  
Reps. Bird and García

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Required, Amendments 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 11/17/23.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<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

Technical note: The Fiscal Note identifies the following FY 2024-25 appropriations:

- \$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 annualizations of these appropriations will be included in each department's FY 2024-25 budget through the annual budgeting process and Long Bill.

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

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

L.001	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact
L.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact
L.001/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 a total of \$3,113,879 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2023-24. This provision also states that the appropriation is 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. Furthermore, the amendment adds a provision appropriating a total of \$196,043 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2023-24. This provision also states that the appropriation is 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.

**L.001** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) makes technical changes to the introduced bill to provide statutory roll-forward spending authority for the FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 appropriations to the Departments of Human Services and Education for a single fiscal year, respectively. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

**L.002** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) makes technical changes to the authorizing language for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

**L.003 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.003** (attached) makes technical changes to the authorizing language for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program. Additionally, the amendment changes the FY 2023-24 appropriations to the Departments of Human Services and Education. The amendment increases to \$3,140,412 General Fund the appropriation to the Department of Human Services and decreases to \$169,870 General Fund the appropriation to the Department of Education. The net appropriation change of **L.003** is an increase of \$360 General Fund for FY 2023-24, over the introduced bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree on the fiscal impact of this amendment.

Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$3,140,412 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2023-24. This

provision also states that the appropriation is 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. Furthermore, the amendment adds a provision appropriating a total of \$169,870 General Fund to the Department of Education for FY 2023-24. This provision also states that the appropriation is 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.

The Committee may adopt **L.001**, **L.002**, and/or **L.003**. If the Committee adopts **L.003** it should also adopt **J.002**, but not **J.001**. If the Committee does not adopt **L.003**, then it should adopt **J.001**.

### **Points to Consider**

#### *General Fund Impact*

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$3,309,922 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.

If **L.003** is adopted, 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.