

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY PROVIDED TO PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN MATTERS REGARDING A CHILD'S WELFARE.

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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 01/24/24.

<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

The Health and Human Services Committee Report (01/30/24) 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**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 a total of \$219,033 General Fund for FY 2024-25, including \$144,080 to the Department of Human Services and \$74,953 to the Judicial Department. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Human Services will require an additional 0.8 FTE, the Judicial Department will require an additional 0.8 FTE, and the Department of Human Services will receive \$10,216 federal funds to implement the act.

**L.002 and J.002**

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) removes Section 5 of the bill, which requires the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a language access plan and document resource bank. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment removes the requirement for an appropriation to the Department of Human Services.

Bill sponsor amendment **J.002** (attached) aligns with the reduced fiscal impact of **L.002**, and appropriates \$74,953 cash funds from the Judicial Stabilization Fund to the Judicial Department, rather than General Fund.

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 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$63.1 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$9.5 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	12,043,478
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
<b>TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation</b>	<b>\$63,062,537</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$219,033 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1

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million set aside by the same amount. If the Committee adopts **L.002** and **J.002**, the General Fund impact of the bill is removed.