

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet**

**General Fund Impact**

**Significant Cost Increase in Second Year**

**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 02/29/24.

<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 Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Committee Report (03/11/24) 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

**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 \$30,568

## HB24-1249

## JBC Staff Analysis

General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2024-25. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.2 FTE.

### 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 \$93.5 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 \$14.0 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	42,478,261
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>\$93,497,320</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$30,568 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$93.5 million set aside by the same amount.

#### *Future Fiscal Impact*

The bill is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$377,296 in FY 2025-26 and \$465,595 in FY 2026-27. By creating a state income tax credit, the bill is also projected to decrease General Fund revenues by \$5.0 million in FY 2025-26 and by \$10.0 million in years thereafter, which will decrease the state's TABOR liability in each fiscal year by an equal amount.