

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING REQUIRING THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO MAKE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION-RELATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, 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 02/05/24.

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 Senate Judiciary Committee Report (02/07/24) 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

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.006/L.007/ J.002	Bill Sponsor amendments - change 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 \$597,200 General Fund to the Judicial Department for FY 2024-25.

L.006, L.007, and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.006** (attached) removes the requirement that the Judicial Department publish district court opinions in eviction cases appealed from county court. Bill Sponsor amendment **L.007** (attached) requires eviction cases to be filed by plaintiffs on the Judicial Department standard form of eviction. The result of these two amendments reduces the fiscal impact outlined in the Fiscal Note and requires one senior software engineer, requiring an appropriation of \$136,122 General Fund and 0.9 FTE for FY 2024-25 and \$169,232 General Fund and 1.0 FTE in future years. Amendment **J.002** (attached) appropriates \$136,122 General Fund to the Judicial Department for FY 2024-25 and is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE.

If the Committee adopts L.006 and L.007, then J.002 should be adopted 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. 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
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	\$63,062,537

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$597,200 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount. If amendments **L.006**, **L.007**, and **J.002** are adopted, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$136,122 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount.