

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning kinship care funding provisions.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Sirota; Taggart
Senators Amabile; Bridges

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/11/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

L.005 Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2026-27. The Long Bill includes a reduction of \$5.5 million General Fund to account for the elimination of payments.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.005

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) reverses amendments adopted by the House on Second and Third Reading. The amendments added requirements for counties to notify non-certified kinship care families of the policy change, maintain reporting requirements for non-certified kinship care, and add “certified” before statutory references to kinship foster care.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2026-27 based on the March 2026 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2026-27 budget package a reduction of \$5.5 million General Fund appropriations associated with this bill.