

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE RETURN OF VOTED MAIL BALLOTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTORS PROVIDE POSTAGE ON MAIL BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPES AND ENCOURAGING THE USE OF STATE-OWNED AND CONVENIENT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR STAND-ALONE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS FOR DEPOSIT OF MAIL BALLOTS.

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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 03/21/16.

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 State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee Report (04/04/16) contains 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
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2016-17. The bill directs the Department of State to purchase the ballot drop boxes with federal funds received for the implementation of the Help America Vote Act. These funds are held in the Federal Elections Assistance Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Department of State pursuant to Section 1-1.5-106 (2) (b), C.R.S. No appropriation is required for the Department to access these funds.

Points to Consider

None.