

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING INCREASED AUTHORITY TO USE BROADCAST BURNING AS AN OPTIONAL TOOL TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION EFFORTS.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/18/16.

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

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 authorizes transfers from the General Fund and the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program. No appropriation is required for the Department to access these funds.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$3.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2016 legislation that is not accounted for in the budget package. If the full \$3.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.