

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE HIGHWAY-RAIL CROSSING SIGNALIZATION FUND, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 05/05/16.

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 House Transportation and Energy Committee Report (05/05/16) 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. The amendments make funding for this bill a secondary priority to funding for H.B. 16-1186 (MAP-21 Rail Fixed Guideway Safety Fund Grant Match) in FY 2017-18 and subsequent years. House Bill 16-1186 requires \$150,000 of the 3.0 percent of fee revenue that is credited to the General Fund from the Fixed Utility Fund. In FY 2017-18 and thereafter, S.B. 16-087 will also use a portion of the 3.0 percent of fee revenue that is credited to the General Fund.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$240,000 cash funds to the Highway-Rail Crossing Signalization Cash Fund from the Highway User Tax Fund. The clause also provides \$240,000 reappropriated funds from the Highway-Rail Crossing Signalization Cash Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for use by the Public Utilities Commission.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

This bill diverts \$244,800 from the General Fund in FY 2017-18, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes. This diversion increases by 2.0 percent each fiscal year.