

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING UTILITY CUSTOMERS' FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LOW-INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added But Not Required, Amendment in Packet

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 05/26/21.

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
J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes a provision that appropriates \$395,037 General Fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2021-22. However, as amended by the Senate Finance Committee Report (05/25/21), the bill no longer requires a General Fund appropriation.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to eliminate the existing appropriation clause.

Points to Consider

Legislative Authority

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" money in the Supplemental Utility Assistance Fund or the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund? This method of funding essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.