

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF STATUTORY CHANGES RELATED TO CONSERVATION EASEMENTS THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT WORKING GROUP CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 19-1264.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

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 02/17/21.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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 Fiscal Note identifies an appropriation for GenTax of \$12,400; the corrected amount for this appropriation is \$261,000, increasing the appropriation to the Department of Revenue by \$248,600. This increases the total appropriation to the Department of Revenue to \$3,135,545, and total General Fund appropriations to the Departments of Revenue and Regulatory Agencies to \$4,116,510. Legislative Council Staff agrees with this correction.

The Senate Finance Committee Report (04/14/21) 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.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$4,116,510 General Fund, including \$3,135,545 to the Department of Revenue and \$980,965 to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2021-22. This provision further appropriates \$3,496,305 reappropriated funds to the Department of Law and \$44,126 reappropriated funds to the Department of Personnel. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Departments of Revenue, Regulatory Agencies, and Law will require an additional 1.3 FTE, 2.7 FTE, and 17.7 FTE, respectively.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill is anticipated to reduce General Fund revenues by \$8.5 million in FY 2020-21 and \$17.1 million in FY 2021-22 and to require a General Fund appropriation of \$4,116,510 in FY 2021-22. Together, these changes will reduce the \$48.0 million General Fund set aside for FY 2021-22 appropriations by \$29.5 million. In subsequent years, the bill is anticipated to reduce annual General Fund revenues by an estimated \$17.1 million and require annual General Fund appropriations of \$2.0 million in years thereafter.