

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF PROGRAMS BY GAS UTILITIES TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

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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 Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/28/21.

	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
<b>XXX</b>	<b>Update:</b> Fund source has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments to the bill were adopted on Senate Second Reading (06/02/21) and Senate Third Reading (06/03/21), and in the House Energy and Environment Committee Report (06/07/21), however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (05/28/21) indicates that an appropriation of \$92,482 General Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies is required for implementation of this bill. JBC Staff has prepared J.002 appropriating \$92,482 cash funds from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund for implementation of the bill.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.002	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.002** Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$92,482 cash funds from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2021-22. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.0 FTE. A further \$199,111 General Fund is appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2021-22. The provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.6 FTE. Of that amount, \$21,268 is reappropriated to the Department of Law, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.1 FTE, and \$37,000 is reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology for FY 2021-22. A further \$49,362 cash funds from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Fund is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2021-22. The provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

**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 requires a General Fund appropriation of \$199,111 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.