

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, 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 04/21/22.

XXX	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact 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 in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

Amendment	Description
J.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$2,702,512 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2022-23, based on an assumption that the Department will require an additional 4.6 FTE.

**Description of Amendments in This Packet**

**J.003** Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to change the existing clause to appropriate \$2,610,575 General Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2022-23, based on an assumption that the Department will require an additional 3.7 FTE. This reflects the impact of the House Education Committee Report, which limits the number of foster care

student navigators designated in the Department of Higher Education to four full-time equivalent employees. The Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note dated 04/21/22 includes the impact of this change.

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2022-23 based on the March 2022 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes two set-asides:

- \$40.0 million General Fund for bills that create ongoing obligations; and
- \$900.0 million General Fund for bills that create one-time obligations in FY 2022-23.

The \$40.0 million *appropriations* set-aside includes an additional \$6.0 million General Fund to provide a 15.0 percent General Fund reserve for those appropriations. The \$900.0 million *obligations* set-aside does not include an additional amount for a General Fund reserve and, assumes, but does not require, that obligations be addressed through statutory transfers rather than appropriations. Therefore *appropriations* from the \$900.0 million set-aside require an additional 15.0 percent to maintain the statutory General Fund reserve.

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$2,610,575 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.