

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING STATE ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST IN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PERSONS WHO WANDER, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, RESTRUCTURING A GRANT PROGRAM THAT ASSISTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR THEIR DESIGNEES IN LOCATING PERSONS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS, SUCH AS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS, AUTISM, BRAIN INJURY, OR DEVELOPMENTAL, COGNITIVE, NEUROLOGICAL, OR CHROMOSOMAL DISORDERS THAT MAY CAUSE THEM TO WANDER.

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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 04/07/22.

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.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
J.002	Bill sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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

\$280,859 General Fund to the Recovery Program for Persons Who Wander Grant Program Fund, and a corresponding reappropriated funds appropriation from the fund to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2022-23. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.2 FTE.

J.002 Bill sponsor amendment **J.002** (attached) reduces the fiscal impact of the bill and appropriates a total of \$100,000 General Fund. The appropriation provides \$89,141 to be distributed for the grant program, rather than the \$270,000 assumed in the fiscal note. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree on the fiscal impact of the amendment.

The Committee should adopt J.001 or J.002, not both.

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 \$280,859 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.

If the Committee adopts J.002, the ongoing obligation is reduced to \$100,000 General Fund, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.