

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE BIOCHAR IN OIL AND GAS WELL PLUGGING WORKING ADVISORY GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY THE USE OF BIOCHAR IN THE PLUGGING OF OIL AND GAS WELLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No 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 02/28/23.

	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>
XXX	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 House Appropriations Committee Report (4/21/23) includes amendments to the bill that change the fiscal impact. As amended, the bill allows the Department of Higher Education to use funds from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Fund and eliminates the need for a General Fund appropriation.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates \$370,140 cash funds from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Fund to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2023-24, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 3.0 FTE. The clause also appropriates \$5,600 cash funds from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response

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JBC Staff Analysis

Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2023-24.

Points to Consider

None.