

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ACTIVE AGRICULTURAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Significant Cost Increase in Second Year

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 04/25/24.

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

The reengrossed bill includes amendments adopted by the House on second reading (04/26/24), however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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 \$17,117 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2024-25. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.1 FTE.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$63.1 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$9.5 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	12,043,478
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	\$63,062,537

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$17,117 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount.

Future Fiscal Impact

This bill is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$245,962 in FY 2025-26 and \$311,247 in FY 2026-27. By creating a state income tax credit, this bill is also projected to decrease General Fund revenues by \$1.5 million in FY 2025-26 and by \$3.0 million in FY 2026-27 and years thereafter, which will decrease the state's TABOR liability in each fiscal year by an equal amount.