

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR THAT COORDINATES THE PERMITTING OF WATER PROJECTS.

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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 05/05/16.

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
L.005	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 \$78,215 from the Water Permitting Coordination Fund to the Office of the Governor for FY 2016-17 for water project permitting. **If amendment J.001 is adopted, amendment L.005 should not be adopted.**

L.005 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.005** (attached) amends the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee Report to indicate that the Office of the Governor shall implement the water project permitting duties and powers outlined in the bill within existing resources. **If amendment L.005 is adopted, amendment J.001 should not be adopted.**

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$3.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2016 legislation that is not accounted for in the budget package. If the full \$3.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.

TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

This bill is projected to increase cash fund revenues by \$45,000 in FY 2017-18. As TABOR refunds are paid from the General Fund, this bill would reduce the amount of General Fund available for other purposes in FY 2017-18.