

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS ON BEHALF OF UNACCOMPANIED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN WHO ARE HOUSED IN STATE-LICENSED RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

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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 05/17/21.

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 House Judiciary Committee Report (05/18/21) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

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 \$90,600

HB21-1313

JBC Staff Analysis

General Fund to the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman in the Judicial Department for FY 2021-22. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE to implement the act.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$90,600 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.