JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF INFREQUENTLY USED TAX EXPENDITURES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Already Added to Bill

General Fund/TABOR Impact

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 02/10/22.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted 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 (03/11/22) includes an amendment to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that this amendment does 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 \$30,750 General Fund to the Department of Revenue in FY 2022-23.

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 a one-time obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$30,750 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$900.0 million set aside by \$35,362 in order to maintain a 15.0 percent statutory General Fund reserve.

TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

The March 2022 Legislative Council Staff (LCS) revenue forecast projects a TABOR surplus liability of \$1.6 billion for FY 2022-23 and \$622.6 million for FY 2023-24. These sums must be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund. This bill is estimated to increase General Fund revenues by \$198,250 in FY 2022-23 and by \$400,482 in FY 2023-24, which will result in an increase in the TABOR surplus liability of an equal amount.