

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

General Fund 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 05/04/22.

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 State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Committee Report (05/05/22) 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.003	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$480,753 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2022-23 and reappropriates \$177,426 to the Department of Law for FY 2022-23. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Labor and Employment will require an additional 3.0 FTE and the Department of Law will require an additional 1.0 FTE.

The revised fiscal note identifies the necessary appropriation as \$326,092 to the Department of Labor and Employment based on the need for an additional 2.5 FTE, of which, \$59,142 is reappropriated to the Department of Law based on the need for an additional 0.3 FTE.

Adoption of J.003 (see below) will align the appropriation clause in the bill with the updated information concerning the fiscal impact of the bill.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.003 Staff has prepared amendment **J.003** (attached) to amend the appropriations provision to appropriate a total of \$326,092 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2022-23 and reappropriate \$59,142 to the Department of Law for FY 2022-23. This provision is also amended to state that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Labor and Employment will require 2.5 FTE and the Department of Law will require 0.3 FTE.

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 an ongoing obligation and requires a General Fund appropriation of \$326,092 for FY 2022-23, reducing the \$40.0 million set aside by the same amount.