

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE OMBUDSMAN.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Lynch and Bacon
Senator (None)

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, 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 03/22/23.

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

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 \$100,453 General Fund to the Judicial Department and reappropriating that amount to the Department of Law for FY 2023-24. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department of Law will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is developing a budget package for FY 2023-24. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,453 for FY 2023-24, reducing the General Fund available for other FY 2023-24 appropriations by this amount. Additionally, the bill requires General Fund appropriations of \$351,597 in future years.