

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO REDUCE THE COST OF USE OF NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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**Appropriation Items of Note**

**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No 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 03/25/24.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Energy & Environment Committee Report (04/04/24) and the House Appropriations Committee Report (04/23/2024), adopted by the House with a floor amendment on second reading (04/24/24) include amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
None.	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes a provision that appropriates \$43,650 General Fund to the Office of the Governor and \$29,678 cash funds from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2024-25, based on the assumption that the Office of the Governor will require an additional 0.4 FTE and the Department of Regulatory Agencies will require an

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additional 0.2 FTE.

## Points to Consider

### General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2024-25 based on the March 2024 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$63.1 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders (a total of \$9.5 million).

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation	
Description	FY 2024-25
General Legislative Priorities	\$21,739,130
Legislation for Shared Housing Priorities	12,043,478
Legislation for Shared Workforce and Education Priorities	16,152,110
Legislation for Other Shared Priorities	10,519,130
Legislation for Distributions to Rural Hospitals	2,608,689
<b>TOTAL Placeholders for Other 2024 Legislation</b>	<b>\$63,062,537</b>

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$43,650 for FY 2024-25, reducing the \$63.1 million set aside by the same amount.