

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/08/10 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Education Committee 2/17/10)

The Senate Education Committee amendment modified the definition of nonpublic institutions that are impacted by the provisions of the bill. The amendment did not change the projected fiscal impact. Both Legislative Council Staff and the Joint Budget Committee staff still assume that two private institutions will request course reviews by the Department of Higher Education in FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$36,820 cash funds and 0.4 FTE to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2010-11.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

Demand for the course review by the Department of Higher Education is likely to be highest in the first two years and then decline sharply. The Appropriations Committee may want to consider whether the initial course review is best performed by contract staff or state FTE.