

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENSURE INDUSTRIAL HEMP REMAINS BELOW A DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION OF NO MORE THAN THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS.

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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 04/15/15.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	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

New Information

This JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis increases the estimated cash funds required for this bill by \$40,000. The Department of Agriculture has provided updated cost estimates for the development of the inventory tracking system for the Industrial Hemp Registration Program. Modifications to the Department of Revenue's Marijuana Enforcement Divison's seed-to-sale tracking system and the development of a new module for the Agriculture Licence system drives the cost increase. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree with the increased cash fund appropriation.

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 a total of \$249,763 cash funds to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2015-16 from the Industrial Hemp Registration Program Cash Fund. This provision also states that the appropriation is

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based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 2.0 FTE. The appropriations clause also authorizes the increased purchase of legal services from the Department of Law by the Division of Plant Industry in the Department of Agriculture.

Points to Consider

None.