

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE AUGMENTATION OF THE GENERAL FUND THROUGH TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN MONEYS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 04/05/11 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes an appropriation clause that reduces the cash funds appropriation to the Department of Human Services for FY 2010-11, for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, by \$3,250,000.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) increases the transfer from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund to the General Fund in FY 2011-12 by \$3,700,000 (from \$3,500,000 in the printed bill to \$7,200,000).

Points to Consider

1. The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has introduced a balanced budget package for FY 2011-12 based on the March 2011 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its plan the General Fund revenue increase that would result from the passage of this bill, as introduced. Thus, if this bill does not become law with at least \$127,374,117 in General Fund revenues for FY 2011-12 (*including* the sponsor amendment to increase the transfer from the Operational Account of the Severance Tax Trust Fund by \$3.7 million), General Fund expenditures will need to be reduced in the FY 2011-12 budget by \$127,374,117.

2. The bill also increases General Fund revenue in FY 2010-11 by \$5,114,845. Both the Office of State Planning and Budgeting and Legislative Council Staff March revenue forecasts project surplus General Fund reserves in FY 2010-11. Pursuant to S.B. 11-156, these surplus General Fund reserves would be deposited in the State Education Fund. Thus, this bill increases projected revenue to the State Education Fund.