

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOME CARE ALLOWANCE BENEFITS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/31/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Finance Committee 02/02/12)

The House Finance Committee Report clarified that the Home Care Allowance Grant Program would be retroactive to January 1, 2012, and that individuals receiving Home Care Allowance and services under one of the two Home and Community Based waivers during the month of December 2011 would be eligible for the Grant Program.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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

Reason for the Update

The January 31, 2012 fiscal note indicates the Department of Human Services will require 0.3 FTE in FY 2011-12 and 1.0 FTE in FY 2012-13. Based on Department responses to JBC Staff questions, the Department is able to utilize contractor services for administration of the grant program. Amendment J.001 assumes that the Department will utilize contractor services and does not include an FTE appropriation.

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) which does the following in FY 2011-12:

1. Appropriates \$469,612 General Fund to the new Home Care Allowance Grants Program line item;
2. Adds footnote 28a to both the Home Care Allowance Grants Program line item and the Home Care Allowance line item, stating that any funds not expended by the Home Care Allowance Grants Program line item is to revert to the Home Care Allowance Program line item.
3. Reduces the appropriation to the Home Care Allowance line item by \$469,612 General Fund.

Amendment **J.001** includes two sections (Section 2 and Section 3) because of the timing of this bill and the supplemental bill for the Department of Human Services. Section 2 will take effect only if the supplemental bill for the Department of Human Services does not pass. Section 3 will take effect if the Department of Human Services supplemental bill does pass.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

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

Points to Consider

None.