

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A REPEAL OF A TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.

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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 03/04/13.

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

The Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Report (03/05/13) includes amendments to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

| Amendment | Description |
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| 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 reducing the appropriation made in the 2013 Long Bill for FY 2013-14 to the Department of Human Services for administration of the low-income telephone assistance program by 1.5 FTE and \$118,272 cash funds from the Low-income Telephone Assistance Fund and reducing the informational appropriation shown in the 2013 Long Bill for FY 2013-14 to the Public Utilities Commission in the Department of Regulatory Agencies for transfer payments to telephone carriers by \$725,548 cash funds from the Low-income Telephone Assistance Fund.

Points to Consider

None.