

JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PRESCRIBED BURNING PROGRAM UNDER THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SPECIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIVISION AND ITS DIRECTOR WITH RESPECT TO THAT PROGRAM.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/18/13.

	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

The Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (03/18/13) states that pursuant to H.B. 12-1283, the Division of Fire Prevention and Control received a three-year federal grant to develop, implement, and administer the prescribed burning program. The Department has stated that the Wildland Fire Management Services line item in the Division of Fire Prevention and Control reflects sufficient federal funds to cover the personal services and program set-up costs described in the fiscal note, however, the legal services line item in the Executive Director's Office does not reflect any federal funds necessary to pay legal services provided by the Department of Law. In addition, the Department of Law requires an appropriation to be able to provide legal services to the Department of Public Safety. Legislative Council Staff agrees with this JBC staff assessment.

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 showing \$4,635 in anticipated federal funds to be received by the Executive Director's Office for FY 2013-14 in order to pay legal services costs. The amendment also appropriates \$4,635 reappropriated funds to the Department of Law for FY 2013-14 for the provision of legal services to the Department of Public Safety.

Points to Consider

None.