

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE GRANT 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 04/15/14.

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 State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee Report (04/16/14) 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
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates 0.4 FTE to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for FY 2014-15.

Points to Consider

Technical Issue

The bill creates the new Veterans Services Grant Program Cash Fund, which would consist of General Fund appropriated by the General Assembly for the Veterans Services Grant Program and any gifts, grants, and donations that are received by the Department for the program. **Is it necessary to appropriate General Fund into a new cash fund, rather than appropriating General Fund directly to the Department for the program as the General Assembly has done for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 (through the Long Bill)?** Is it likely that any gifts, grants, and donations will be received for this program?