

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE 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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/14/14.

	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 Fiscal Note (Fiscal Note) anticipates a need for an appropriation of \$1.0 million General Fund and 0.4 FTE to support the grant program created in the bill. As discussed on page 1 of the Fiscal Note, the Department requested \$1.0 million General Fund for the program for FY 2014-15. The FY 2014-15 Long Bill (H.B. 14-1336) includes \$1.0 million General Fund for the program but does not appropriate any FTE. Because the funding is included in the Long Bill, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the additional funds identified in the Fiscal Note are unnecessary but that the bill still requires 0.4 FTE for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for FY 2014-15.

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 to increase the Long Bill appropriation to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for FY 2014-15 by 0.4 FTE.

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?