

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

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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 02/20/15.

<b>XXX</b>	<b>No Change:</b> Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	<b>Update:</b> Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	<b>Non-Concurrence:</b> JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

**Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Description</b>
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not changes fiscal impact

**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 appropriating a total of \$94,441 General Fund to the Department of Law for FY 2015-16. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.8 FTE to implement the act.

**L.002** Bill Sponsor amendment **L.002** (attached) makes technical and clarifying changes to the bill. However, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill as discussed in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note, dated February 20, 2015. **The Committee should adopt amendment J.001 regardless of whether or not it adopts amendment L.002.**

**Points to Consider**

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*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates a total of \$18.5 million General Fund to be available to fund 2015 legislation. If the full \$18.5 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.