

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ENHANCED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Esgar and Kraft-Tharp
Senator Merrifield

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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 03/10/15.

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 House Business, Affairs & Labor Committee Report (03/19/15) 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
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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 \$3,974,201 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2015-16. The appropriation includes \$111,725 for program administration and is based on the assumption the Department will require an additional 1.2 FTE and \$3,862,476 is for enhanced unemployment benefits payments.

J.002 Bill sponsor amendment **J.002** (attached) adds a provision appropriating a total of \$3,234,294 General Fund to the Department of Labor and Employment for FY 2015-16. The appropriation includes \$111,725 for program administration and is based on the assumption

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the Department will require an additional 1.2 FTE and \$3,122,569 is for enhanced unemployment benefits payments.

The Committee may adopt **J.001** or it may adopt **J.002**.

Points to Consider

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.