

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY STUDY.

Prime Sponsors: Reps. Williams and Salazar
Sens. Crowder and Guzman

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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 03/25/15.

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 and Labor Committee Report (03/31/15) 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
L.004	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact
L.005/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 \$1,331,712 General Fund to the Department of Personnel for FY 2015-16. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

L.004 Sponsor amendment **L.004** adds a provision that clarifies the definition of "contract" for the purposes of the bill.

L.005 and J.002

Sponsor amendment **L.005** adds a provision that allows the Department to accept gifts, grants, and donations for the study.

Staff has prepared sponsor-requested amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$666,667 General Fund and \$333,333 cash funds anticipated to come from gifts, grants, and donations to the Department of Personnel for FY 2015-16. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE. Amendment J.002 provides \$968,288 rather than \$1.3 million for vendor contract costs for the study. Legislative Council staff states that this amount is approximately in the lower range of costs of studies reviewed to arrive at an estimated cost for the study in the Legislative Council Staff fiscal note. Additionally, Legislative Council staff states that the Department will seek to contract with a vendor for as many as possible of the study components outlined in the bill with the amount appropriated.

The Committee may adopt either amendment **J.001** or **J.002**. **The Committee should adopt J.002 if amendment L.005 is adopted.**

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.