

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING INCREASED METHODS TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK.

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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 04/18/16.

	<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>XXX</b>	<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

The Senate Appropriations Committee Report (05/03/16), as amended and adopted by the Senate on Second Reading:

1. reduces the transfer from the General Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund to \$1.0 million in FY 2016-17, a decrease of \$500,000 from the original transfer included in the bill;
2. eliminates the transfer from the Severance Tax Operational Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund in FY 2016-17; and
3. makes other adjustments that Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The fiscal impact of the bill is now as follows: a decrease in General Fund revenue of \$1.0 million and an increase in cash funds revenue in the same amount to reflect the transfer authorized in the bill, plus cash funds expenditures of \$1.0 million cash funds to reflect spending from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund in FY 2016-17.

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

Amendment	Description
None.	

**Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2016-17. The bill authorizes a transfer of \$1.0 million General Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund, which is continuously

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appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program. No appropriation is required for the Department to access these funds.

**Points to Consider***General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$3.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2016 legislation that is not accounted for in the budget package. If the full \$3.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.