

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW MATTERS RELATING TO WILDFIRES IN THE STATE.

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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 02/18/13.

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill does not contain an appropriation clause for FY 2013-14. As reflected in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note, the bill establishes the Wildfire Matters Review Committee as an interim legislative committee beginning in the 2013 interim. If the Committee is prioritized by the Legislative Council for FY 2013-14, no appropriation is required. However, if it is not prioritized, an appropriation of \$27,605 General Fund and 0.4 FTE is required in FY 2013-14. Pursuant to House and Senate rules, the bill will need to be referred to Legislative Council for this purpose in the second house.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

- The Joint Budget Committee introduced a budget package for FY 2013-14 based on the March 2013 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package appropriates all but approximately \$8.0 million of General Fund revenues projected to be available, less a statutorily required five percent General Fund reserve. If the Wildfire Matters Review Committee is not prioritized by the Legislative Council, this bill would require a General Fund appropriation of \$27,605 and 0.4 FTE for FY 2013-14.

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2. Lines 16 through 18 on page 5 of the introduced bill state that "(6) Existing employees of the legislative service agencies shall provide any staff assistance required by the committee within existing appropriations." Is it the intent of the General Assembly to not appropriate moneys for the Wildfire Matters Review Committee even if it is not prioritized by the Legislative Council?