

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.

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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 02/18/14.

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 neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2014-15. The bill continuously appropriates moneys in the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Fund.

Points to Consider

Legislative Authority

Is it necessary to "continuously appropriate" moneys in the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Fund? This method of funding the activities of the newly created Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant Program essentially moves related expenditures off-budget, and thus expenditures are not reported or accounted for through the budget process.