# JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADDRESS MEDICAL MARIJUANA INVENTORY SHORTFALLS.

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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 02/13/17.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to new information or technical issues
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to amendment adopted after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Report (02/15/17) and the Senate Finance Committee Report (02/23/17) include amendments that change the fiscal impact of the bill. The adopted amendments grant fee-making authority to the Department of Revenue that may increase administrative costs minimally.

The Department also provided new information regarding necessary programming updates for its seed-to-sale tracking system, METRC, to account for changes in the bill. The METRC system is administered by a contract vendor. The Department will require an additional \$48,000 appropriation cash funds from the Marijuana Cash Fund in FY 2017-18.

Incorporating the costs identified in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (02/13/17), JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff agree the Department requires a total appropriation of \$128,428 total funds.

## Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

## **Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill requires an appropriation clause for FY 2017-18 but currently includes a no 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 \$128,428 cash funds to the Department of Revenue for FY 2017-18 from the Marijuana Cash Fund. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.9 FTE.

#### **Points to Consider**

#### TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

The bill increases expenditures from the Marijuana Cash Fund, which may require the Department to adjust its fees. If that action is required and therefore generates more revenue than currently forecast it will have a TABOR impact equal to the amount of unaccounted revenue raised.