

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Appropriation Items of Note**Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet****General Fund Impact****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 04/15/21.

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 Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report (05/13/21) 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
	None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that appropriates a total of \$5,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture for FY 2020-21, including \$2,000,000 General Fund and \$3,000,000 cash funds from the Agriculture Value-Added Cash Fund.

The provision also states that any funds appropriated from the Agriculture Value-Added Cash Fund not fully expended before July 1, 2021 remain available through FY 2021-22; and any appropriated General Fund not fully expended before July 1, 2021 remain available through December 1, 2022.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2021-22 budget package the \$5,000,000 General Fund revenue decrease, including a \$3,000,000 General Fund transfer and a \$2,000,000 General Fund appropriation, that would result from the passage of this bill. Specifically, the JBC package includes a place holder of \$800.0 million General Fund for those bills that are part of the "State Stimulus Package", and this bill is part of that package.