# JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning the development of regional building codes that account for local climatic and geographic conditions for the construction and installation of residential and nonresidential factory-built structures, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Prime Sponsors: Date Prepared:

Senators Bridges; Exum April 15, 2025

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## **Fiscal Impacts**

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, Amendment in Packet

**TABOR Impact** 

#### **Fiscal Note Status**

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/04/25.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

The House Transportation, Housing, and Local Government Committee Report (04/08/25) includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

### **Amendments in This Packet**

J.002 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

#### **Current Appropriations Clause in Bill**

The bill includes an appropriations clause that appropriates a total of \$277,264 cash funds from the Building Regulation Fund to the Department of Local Affairs and reflects 1.0 FTE for FY 2025-26. However, as identified in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (04/04/25), the reengrossed bill requires an appropriation of \$182,264.

#### **Description of Amendments in This Packet**

#### J.002

Staff amendment **J.002** (attached) changes the existing clause to appropriate \$182,264 cash funds from the Building Regulation Fund to the Department of Local Affairs for FY 2025-26.

#### **Points to Consider**

#### **TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact**

The March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast projects a TABOR surplus liability of \$642.7 million for FY 2025-26 and \$775.8 million for FY 2026-27 to be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund. Legislation that reduces non-exempt revenue (such as cash funds) will reduce the TABOR refund from the General Fund.

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 OSPB revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$18.2 million General Fund set aside for other legislation outside of the JBC budget package. This may be used for appropriations, transfers, or increases in TABOR refunds for FY 2025-26.

This bill is estimated to reduce cash fund revenues by \$23,000 in FY 2026-27, which will increase the available General Fund in that fiscal year by an equal amount.