

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning regulation related to the registration of motor vehicles.

Prime Sponsors:

Representative Mauro
(None)

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet
Significant Appropriations Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/11/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.012	Bill Sponsor amendment – changes fiscal impact and appropriation

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$32,817 cash funds from the DRIVES Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue for FY 2025-26.

L.012

Bill sponsor amendment L.012 (attached) changes the bill's effective date, eliminates the need for duplicative DRIVES programming, and removes the DRIVES upgrade extension penalty charged by the

vendor. The amendment also eliminates DRIVES Cash Fund expenditures in FY 2025-26 and reduces expenditures in FY 2026-27, as noted by the Legislative Council Staff memorandum (attached), dated April 22, 2025. Joint Budget Committee staff agrees with the Legislative Council Staff assessment of the fiscal impact of this amendment.

If the Committee adopts L.012, it should **NOT** adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

Future Fiscal Impact

Increases in cash fund expenditures require either an increase in fee or assessment revenue or a draw-down of existing reserve balance. Eventually, the cash fund will have to generate revenue on an ongoing basis to sustainably pay for an ongoing expenditure. In a TABOR refund year, cash fund revenue increases require a TABOR refund paid from the General Fund of an equal amount.

Although this bill does not have an immediate General Fund or TABOR impact, it includes cash fund expenditures that increase by \$32,817 for FY 2025-26 and by \$253,717 for FY 2026-27.

If **L.012** is adopted, cash fund expenditures are eliminated in FY 2025-26, and reduced to \$33,717 in FY 2026-27.