JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the adjustment of certain tax expenditures.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Garcia; Zokaie

Senator Weissman

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund/TABOR Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/30/25.

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

The Finance Committee Report (05/01/25) includes an amendment to the bill, however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendment does not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause.

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. The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 OSPB revenue forecast.

This bill is estimated to decrease General Fund Revenue by \$0.5 million in FY 2024-25, which will result in a decrease in the TABOR surplus liability by an equal amount in FY 2024-25. This bill is estimated to increase General Fund revenues by \$5.4 million in FY 2025-26 and by \$10.7 million in FY 2026-27, which will result in an increase in the TABOR surplus liability of equal amounts.

Technical Note

This bill would not require a General Fund appropriation in FY 2025-26 or FY 2027-28 based on the March 2025 OSPB forecast that the Joint Budget Committee selected for FY 2025-26 budget balancing. However, under the Legislative Council Staff forecast, this bill is projected to require a General Fund appropriation of \$540,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$75,355 in FY 2027-28.