

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning support to increase prescribed burns.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Cutter; Marchman
Representatives Velasco; Weinberg

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

New Cash Fund

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/02/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

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| J.001 | Staff-prepared appropriation amendment |
| L.009 | 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 \$403,025 to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2025-26, including \$153,025 General Fund and \$250,000 cash funds from the Prescribed Fire Claims Cash Fund. The appropriation reflects 1.2 FTE.

L.009

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.009** (attached) strikes the \$250,000 General Fund transfer which makes the bill dependent on gift, grants, and donations. Makes the bill subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly of sufficient money to administer the fund. This amendment eliminates the fiscal impact, eliminating the General Fund transfer and General Fund and cash fund appropriations for FY 2025-26.

The Committee may adopt either J.001 or L.009, but should not adopt both.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast. The budget package includes \$18.2 million in set-asides for legislation outside of the package (see table below). The budget package accounts for the 15.0 percent reserve associated with the placeholders.

General Fund Appropriation Placeholders for Other 2025 Legislation	
Description	FY 2025-26 Appropriation
Juvenile diversion, deflection, or detention	\$10,000,000
General Assembly legislative priorities	6,521,739
Voter approved initiatives	1,700,000
Total	\$18,221,739

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$153,025 and reduces General Fund revenues by \$250,000 for FY 2025-26, reducing the \$18.2 million set aside by \$403,025.