JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis House Appropriations Committee

Concerning authorizing the department of the treasury to sell tax credits to qualified taxpayers, and, in connection therewith, transferring the proceeds to the general fund.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Stewart R.; Camacho

Senators Marchman; Snyder

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 08/21/25.

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

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

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 \$448,500 General Fund to the Department of Treasury for FY 2025-26.

Points to Consider

The July 2025 revenue forecast updates from the Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) and Legislative Council Staff (LCS) anticipate that state revenues will fall short of the TABOR limit in FY 2025-26. The update from OSPB projects that revenues will fall \$742.2 million below the TABOR limit in FY 2025-26 and then be \$411.4 million above the TABOR limit in FY 2026-27. Legislative Council Staff projects a shortfall of \$661.8 million below the TABOR limit in FY 2025-26 and a surplus of \$758.8 million above the TABOR limit in FY 2026-27. TABOR surpluses must be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund.

The required General Fund reserve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is 15.0 percent of FY 2025-26 General Fund appropriations. Based on the July 2025 revenue forecast updates, both the OSPB and LCS anticipate the General Fund reserve will end the current fiscal year below the reserve requirement. OSPB anticipates a deficit of \$783.1 million and LCS anticipates a deficit of \$691.9 million below the statutory reserve requirement.

General Fund Impact

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$448,500 for FY 2025-26, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes in FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27.

In addition, this bill is anticipated to require a General Fund appropriation of \$39,547 for FY 2026-27. The appropriations requirement will be addressed during the annual budgeting process.