

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF PROGRAMS BY GAS UTILITIES TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 05/28/21.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fund source has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments to the bill were adopted on Senate Second Reading (06/02/21) and Senate Third Reading (06/03/21), and in the House Energy and Environment Committee Report (06/07/21), however, Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

The Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (05/28/21) indicates that an appropriation of \$92,482 General Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies is required for implementation of this bill. JBC Staff has prepared J.002 appropriating \$92,482 cash funds from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund for implementation of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.002	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.002 Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating a total of \$92,482 cash funds from the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utility Fund to the Department of Regulatory Agencies for FY 2021-22. This provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.0 FTE. A further \$199,111 General Fund is appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Environment for FY 2021-22. The provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 1.6 FTE. Of that amount, \$21,268 is reappropriated to the Department of Law, based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.1 FTE, and \$37,000 is reappropriated to the Office of Information Technology for FY 2021-22. A further \$49,362 cash funds from the Oil and Gas Conservation and Environmental Response Fund is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2021-22. The provision also states that the appropriation is based on the assumption that the Department will require an additional 0.5 FTE.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2021-22 based on the March 2021 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package includes a set aside of \$48.0 million General Fund for bills that require General Fund appropriations for FY 2021-22. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$199,111 for FY 2021-22, reducing the \$48.0 million set aside by the same amount.