

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE MEDICAL DETOX CENTERS PILOT PROGRAM.

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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 04/06/15.

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| XXX | No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill |
| | Update: Fiscal impact 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 in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

| Amendment | Description |
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| 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 has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$977,374 General Fund to the newly created Substance Abuse Multi-level Detoxification Care Centers Pilot Program Fund in FY 2015-16. This provision also appropriates that same amount from the newly created cash fund to the Department of Human Services for FY 2015-16, and 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

1. The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates a total

of \$18.5 million General Fund to be available to fund 2015 legislation. If the full \$18.5 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.

2. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$977,374 for FY 2015-16, and is projected to require General Fund appropriations of more than \$5.8 million for each of three fiscal years (FY 2016-17 through FY 2018-19). In addition, please note that the estimated fiscal impact is based on the Department selecting two facilities for the pilot program. However, the bill authorizes the Department to award funding to up to three facilities [see page 3 of the Public Health Care & Human Services Committee Report dated March 10, 2015, lines 24 through 28].

Technical Issues

The bill creates the new Substance Abuse Multi-level Detoxification Care Centers Pilot Program Fund, which would consist of General Fund appropriated to the Fund by the General Assembly¹. Moneys in the Fund are subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly to the Department of Human Services. Is it necessary to appropriate General Fund into a new cash fund, rather than appropriating General Fund directly for the pilot program?

¹Please note that the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note dated 04/16/15 indicates that the new cash fund is created to receive gifts, grants, and donations to support the pilot program [see page 3]. However, the bill does not include any reference to gifts, grants, and donations [see page 4 of the Public Health Care & Human Services Committee Report dated March 10, 2015, lines 7 through 20].