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## Bill Analysis

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**Version:** As Reported by House Finance

**Primary Sponsors:** Sens. S. Huffman and Romanchuk

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### SUMMARY

- Appropriates \$125 million for fiscal year 2021 to the Development Services Agency to provide grants to bars, restaurants, and lodging businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Appropriation to provide grants to impacted hospitality industry

The bill appropriates \$125 million for fiscal year 2021 to the Development Services Agency (DSA) to provide grants to bars, restaurants, and lodging industry businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

##### Grants to bars and restaurants

Under the bill, \$100 million of the appropriation must be used by DSA to provide grants to impacted bars and restaurants. Grants must be awarded (1) in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and (2) based on factors such as demonstrated loss of revenue and the number of employees eligible bars and restaurants employ.

The bill also requires DSA to determine any unused amounts of grant monies authorized by [Controlling Board action](#) as of October 26, 2020, and distribute those funds to bars and restaurants at DSA's discretion. It similarly requires DSA to determine any unused grant amounts under the bill's new appropriation and distribute the remaining funds in a manner to be determined by DSA.

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Finance Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

## Grants to lodging industry business

Under the bill, \$25 million must be used by DSA to provide grants for impacted lodging industry businesses. Grants must be awarded (1) in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and (2) based on factors such as a demonstrated loss of revenue and occupancy rates.<sup>1</sup>

### HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-02-21
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<sup>1</sup> Section 209.10.