

Regulation and Protection

Coordinator – Ryan Proto

Office of Fiscal Analysis

	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov - App FY 26
					FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund									
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	2	RP	225,988,163	232,578,473	243,072,353	243,565,419	230,687,650	228,486,393	(0.81)
Department of Consumer Protection	14	ME	12,941,164	17,747,798	18,486,567	18,486,567	21,738,181	22,109,777	22.48
Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities	17	TM	9,623,402	8,174,082	10,475,695	10,475,695	8,512,253	8,512,253	4.14
Total - General Fund			248,552,729	258,500,353	272,034,615	272,527,681	260,938,084	259,108,423	0.94
Banking Fund									
Department of Banking	6	RP	23,298,059	30,131,470	30,924,713	30,834,713	30,574,844	30,574,844	1.47
Insurance Fund									
Insurance Department	8	AB	29,766,987	35,528,436	35,124,755	35,079,755	33,767,255	33,767,255	(4.96)
Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate	10	AB	-	876,000	876,000	876,000	-	-	(100.00)
Office of the Healthcare Advocate	12	AB	3,193,706	4,055,860	4,127,367	4,127,367	4,414,801	4,414,801	8.85
Total - Insurance Fund			32,960,693	40,460,296	40,128,122	40,083,122	38,182,056	38,182,056	(5.63)
Workers' Compensation Fund									
Workers' Compensation Commission	18	RP	20,571,400	23,598,475	24,080,204	24,080,204	22,319,417	22,319,417	(5.42)
Cannabis Regulatory Fund									
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	2	RP	157,028	1,233,758	1,233,758	1,233,758	-	-	(100.00)
Department of Consumer Protection	14	ME	4,551,641	6,004,816	6,184,086	6,184,086	-	-	(100.00)
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund			4,708,669	7,238,574	7,417,844	7,417,844	-	-	(100.00)
Total - Appropriated Funds			330,091,550	359,929,168	374,585,498	374,943,564	352,014,401	350,184,740	(2.20)

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

DPS32000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,461	1,463	1,463	0.14
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	2	2	2	2	-	-	(100.00)

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	175,691,719	184,655,407	188,206,646	188,232,145	183,631,489	180,631,489	(0.55)
Other Expenses	36,564,787	33,479,480	37,199,156	37,666,723	33,126,783	33,592,572	(1.05)
Other Current Expenses							
Stress Reduction	130,320	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Fleet Purchase	7,063,650	7,736,272	7,736,272	7,736,272	7,449,099	7,782,053	(3.71)
Criminal Justice Information System	4,967,691	4,990,355	8,213,320	8,213,320	4,763,320	4,763,320	(4.55)
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Fire Training School - Willimantic	242,176	242,176	242,176	242,176	242,176	242,176	-
Maintenance of County Base Fire Radio Network	19,528	19,528	19,528	19,528	19,528	19,528	-
Maintenance of State-Wide Fire Radio Network	12,996	12,997	12,997	12,997	12,997	12,997	-
Police Association of Connecticut	107,410	172,353	172,353	172,353	172,353	172,353	-
Connecticut State Firefighter's Association	175,887	176,625	176,625	176,625	176,625	176,625	-
Fire Training School - Torrington	172,267	172,267	172,267	172,267	172,267	172,267	-
Fire Training School - New Haven	108,364	108,364	108,364	108,364	108,364	108,364	-
Fire Training School - Derby	50,639	50,639	50,639	50,639	50,639	50,639	-
Fire Training School - Wolcott	171,162	171,162	171,162	171,162	171,162	171,162	-
Fire Training School - Fairfield	127,500	127,501	127,501	127,501	127,501	127,501	-
Fire Training School - Hartford	176,836	176,836	176,836	176,836	176,836	176,836	-
Fire Training School - Middletown	70,970	70,970	70,970	70,970	70,970	70,970	-
Fire Training School - Stamford	75,540	75,541	75,541	75,541	75,541	75,541	-
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Volunteer Firefighter Training	58,721	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	-
Agency Total - General Fund	225,988,163	232,578,473	243,072,353	243,565,419	230,687,650	228,486,393	(0.81)
Personal Services	157,028	1,109,758	1,109,758	1,109,758	-	-	(100.00)
Other Expenses	-	124,000	124,000	124,000	-	-	(100.00)
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	157,028	1,233,758	1,233,758	1,233,758	-	-	(100.00)
Total - Appropriated Funds	226,145,191	233,812,231	244,306,111	244,799,177	230,687,650	228,486,393	(1.34)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Reduce Funding to Reflect Staffing and Duties Assessment

Personal Services	(3,000,000)	(6,000,000)
Total - General Fund	(3,000,000)	(6,000,000)

Governor

Reduce funding of \$3 million in FY 26 and \$6 million in FY 27 to reflect anticipated savings from a staffing and duties assessment.

Eliminate Funding for Volunteer Fire Companies on Limited Highways Program

Other Expenses	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Total - General Fund	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)

Background

Section 75 of *PA 22-118* (as amended by *PA 22-146*), the FY 23 Revised Budget, requires the State Fire Administrator to reimburse volunteer fire companies for responding to calls on certain limited access highways.

In FY 24, 3,142 claims were submitted and \$1.5 million was expended. As of 1/31/2025, 1,943 claims have been submitted with \$612,000 expended in FY 25.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 for reimbursements to volunteer fire companies responding to calls on certain limited access highways.

Transfer Cannabis Costs into the General Fund

Personal Services	509,758	509,758
Other Expenses	124,000	124,000
Total - General Fund	633,758	633,758
Positions - General Fund	2	2
Personal Services	(509,758)	(509,758)
Other Expenses	(124,000)	(124,000)
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(633,758)	(633,758)
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(2)	(2)

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$633,758 and 2 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for cannabis regulation and enforcement duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	1,995,324	1,995,324
Criminal Justice Information System	22,965	22,965
Total - General Fund	2,018,289	2,018,289

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,018,289 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding for Clean Slate System Upgrades

Other Expenses	563,460	580,364
Total - General Fund	563,460	580,364

Background

DESPP currently contracts with Idemia and pays annual maintenance fees to implement the Clean Slate System. These maintenance costs were previously paid from sources outside the General Fund. Future increases to these costs in the out years are expected to only include a 3% annual increase.

Governor

Provide funding of \$563,460 in FY 26 and \$580,364 in FY 27 to support annual maintenance costs for the Clean Slate system.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(529,000)	(529,000)
Other Expenses	(80,000)	(80,000)
Fleet Purchase	(500,000)	(500,000)
Criminal Justice Information System	(250,000)	(250,000)
Total - General Fund	(1,359,000)	(1,359,000)
Personal Services	(600,000)	(600,000)
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(600,000)	(600,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,959,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Provide Funding for State Forensic Science Laboratory Maintenance

Other Expenses	477,188	861,188
Total - General Fund	477,188	861,188

Governor

Provide funding of \$477,188 in FY 26 and \$861,188 in FY 27 to adjust for scheduled annual increases in the State Forensic Science Laboratory equipment maintenance and information technology contracts.

Provide Funding for Fleet Lease Obligations

Fleet Purchase	212,827	545,781
Total - General Fund	212,827	545,781

Governor

Provide funding of \$212,827 in FY 26 and \$545,781 in FY 27 to cover the costs of new fleet leases.

Provide Funding for Computerized Criminal History System Maintenance

Other Expenses	62,655	127,540
Total - General Fund	62,655	127,540

Governor

Provide funding of \$62,665 in FY 26 and \$127,540 in FY 27 to adjust for scheduled annual increases in the Computerized Criminal History System maintenance contracts.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	232,578,473	232,578,473
Policy Revisions	(3,866,242)	(6,866,242)
Current Services	1,975,419	2,774,162
Total Recommended - GF	230,687,650	228,486,393
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	1,233,758	1,233,758
Policy Revisions	(633,758)	(633,758)
Current Services	(600,000)	(600,000)
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	1,461	1,461
Policy Revisions	2	2
Total Recommended - GF	1,463	1,463
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	2	2
Policy Revisions	(2)	(2)
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-

Department of Banking
DOB37000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Banking Fund	125	125	128	128	127	127	1.60

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	11,518,625	14,628,566	15,181,809	15,181,809	15,416,809	15,416,809	5.39
Other Expenses	1,312,820	1,375,510	1,615,510	1,525,510	1,375,510	1,375,510	-
Equipment	41,448	44,900	44,900	44,900	44,900	44,900	-
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	10,106,094	13,763,422	13,763,422	13,763,422	12,333,447	12,333,447	(10.39)
Indirect Overhead	319,072	319,072	319,072	319,072	1,404,178	1,404,178	340.08
Agency Total - Banking Fund	23,298,059	30,131,470	30,924,713	30,834,713	30,574,844	30,574,844	1.47

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Expand the Financial Protection and Innovation Team

Personal Services	235,000	235,000
Fringe Benefits	188,000	188,000
Total - Banking Fund	423,000	423,000
Positions - Banking Fund	2	2

Background

The Financial Protection and Innovation Team was created in FY 24. The team is responsible for analyzing, regulating, and overseeing highly specialized areas of the banking industry such as cannabis banking, cryptocurrency, and cybersecurity, with more enforcement focus on Fair Credit, Truth-in-Lending, and other consumer protection laws.

Governor

Provide funding of \$423,000 and two positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 to expand the Financial Protection and Innovation Team.

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

Fringe Benefits	(1,617,975)	(1,617,975)
Total - Banking Fund	(1,617,975)	(1,617,975)

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,617,975 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

Indirect Overhead	1,085,106	1,085,106
Total - Banking Fund	1,085,106	1,085,106

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,085,106 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	553,243	553,243
Total - Banking Fund	553,243	553,243

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$553,243 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - BF	30,131,470	30,131,470
Policy Revisions	423,000	423,000
Current Services	20,374	20,374
Total Recommended - BF	30,574,844	30,574,844

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - BF	125	125
Policy Revisions	2	2
Total Recommended - BF	127	127

Insurance Department DOI37500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Insurance Fund	157	157	157	157	157	157	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	14,896,042	17,459,258	18,178,950	18,178,950	17,428,950	17,428,950	(0.17)
Other Expenses	1,604,202	1,609,489	1,654,489	1,609,489	1,609,489	1,609,489	-
Equipment	137,674	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	62,500	-
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	12,881,694	16,149,814	13,634,212	13,634,212	13,071,712	13,071,712	(19.06)
Indirect Overhead	247,375	247,375	1,594,604	1,594,604	1,594,604	1,594,604	544.61
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	29,766,987	35,528,436	35,124,755	35,079,755	33,767,255	33,767,255	(4.96)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

Fringe Benefits	(2,515,602)	(2,515,602)
Total - Insurance Fund	(2,515,602)	(2,515,602)

Background

The fringe benefits costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,515,602 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

Indirect Overhead	1,347,229	1,347,229
Total - Insurance Fund	1,347,229	1,347,229

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,347,229 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(750,000)	(750,000)
Fringe Benefits	(562,500)	(562,500)
Total - Insurance Fund	(1,312,500)	(1,312,500)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,312,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	719,692	719,692
Total - Insurance Fund	719,692	719,692

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide \$719,692 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	35,528,436	35,528,436
Current Services	(1,761,181)	(1,761,181)
Total Recommended - IF	33,767,255	33,767,255

Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate
OBH39300

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Insurance Fund	4	4	4	4	-	-	(100.00)

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	-	387,000	387,000	387,000	-	-	(100.00)
Other Expenses	-	65,500	65,500	65,500	-	-	(100.00)
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	-	401,000	401,000	401,000	-	-	(100.00)
Indirect Overhead	-	22,500	22,500	22,500	-	-	(100.00)
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	-	876,000	876,000	876,000	-	-	(100.00)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Eliminate the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate and Transfer the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

Personal Services	(387,000)	(387,000)
Other Expenses	(65,500)	(65,500)
Fringe Benefits	(401,000)	(401,000)
Indirect Overhead	(22,500)	(22,500)
Total - Insurance Fund	(876,000)	(876,000)
Positions - Insurance Fund	(4)	(4)

Background

The Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate (OBH) was established by Sections 10 and 11 of PA 23-101, *An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children*. The office's responsibilities are to: (1) assist mental and behavioral health care providers with receiving payments for claims submitted to health carriers for services provided to covered patients, and (2) assist residents with accessing mental and behavioral health care and related resources. None of the four positions originally funded in FY 24 have been filled.

Governor

Eliminate OBH as a separate agency and transfer one position, the Behavioral Health Advocate, and funding of \$257,544 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from OBH to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA). Eliminate the remaining three positions in OBH and funding of \$618,456 in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	876,000	876,000
Policy Revisions	(876,000)	(876,000)
Total Recommended - IF	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	4	4
Policy Revisions	(4)	(4)
Total Recommended - IF	-	-

Office of the Healthcare Advocate
MCO39400

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Insurance Fund	19	19	19	19	20	20	5.26

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	1,539,474	1,876,329	1,947,836	1,947,836	2,072,836	2,072,836	10.47
Other Expenses	226,766	292,991	292,991	292,991	302,991	302,991	3.41
Equipment	4,239	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	100.00
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	1,373,342	1,831,655	1,831,655	1,831,655	1,949,199	1,949,199	6.42
Indirect Overhead	49,885	49,885	49,885	49,885	79,775	79,775	59.92
Agency Total - Insurance Fund	3,193,706	4,055,860	4,127,367	4,127,367	4,414,801	4,414,801	8.85

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Eliminate the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate and Transfer the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

Personal Services	125,000	125,000
Other Expenses	10,000	10,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000
Fringe Benefits	117,544	117,544
Total - Insurance Fund	257,544	257,544
Positions - Insurance Fund	1	1

Background

The Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate (OBH) was established by Sections 10 and 11 of PA 23-101, *An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children*. The office's responsibilities are to: (1) assist mental and behavioral health care providers with receiving payments for claims submitted to health carriers for services provided to covered patients, and (2) assist residents with accessing mental and behavioral health care and related resources. None of the four positions originally funded in FY 24 have been filled.

Governor

Transfer one position, the Behavioral Health Advocate, and funding of \$257,544 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Office of the Behavioral Health Advocate to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	71,507	71,507
Total - Insurance Fund	71,507	71,507

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$71,507 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

Indirect Overhead	29,890	29,890
Total - Insurance Fund	29,890	29,890

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$29,890 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	4,055,860	4,055,860
Policy Revisions	257,544	257,544
Current Services	101,397	101,397
Total Recommended - IF	4,414,801	4,414,801

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - IF	19	19
Policy Revisions	1	1
Total Recommended - IF	20	20

Department of Consumer Protection

DCP39500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	220	220	220	220	285	288	29.55
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	62	62	62	62	-	-	(100.00)

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	12,027,480	16,030,358	16,769,127	16,769,127	20,583,972	21,055,568	28.41
Other Expenses	913,684	1,717,440	1,717,440	1,717,440	1,154,209	1,054,209	(32.79)
Agency Total - General Fund	12,941,164	17,747,798	18,486,567	18,486,567	21,738,181	22,109,777	22.48
Personal Services	4,216,030	5,656,047	5,835,317	5,835,317	-	-	(100.00)
Other Expenses	335,611	348,769	348,769	348,769	-	-	(100.00)
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	4,551,641	6,004,816	6,184,086	6,184,086	-	-	(100.00)
Total - Appropriated Funds	17,492,805	23,752,614	24,670,653	24,670,653	21,738,181	22,109,777	(8.48)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Transfer Cannabis Costs into the General Fund

Personal Services	5,335,317	5,335,317
Other Expenses	348,769	348,769
Total - General Fund	5,684,086	5,684,086
Positions - General Fund	62	62
Personal Services	(5,335,317)	(5,335,317)
Other Expenses	(348,769)	(348,769)
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(5,684,086)	(5,684,086)
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(62)	(62)

Background

PA 21-1 JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$5,684,086 million and 62 positions in both FY 26 and FY27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding to Establish the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program

Personal Services	79,528	306,038
Other Expenses	107,500	7,500
Total - General Fund	187,028	313,538
Positions - General Fund	3	3

Background

HB 6870, *An Act Addressing Patients' Prescription Drug Costs*, requires the department to establish a Canadian drug importation program. Funding is provided for a consultant to draft a feasibility study and help submit a program application to the FDA and for two drug control agents and one staff attorney to oversee the program.

Governor

Provide funding of \$187,028 in FY 26 and \$313,538 in FY 27 to fund a consultant and three positions to establish the Canadian prescription drug importation program.

Transfer Funding for Software to DAS

Other Expenses	(694,500)	(694,500)
Total - General Fund	(694,500)	(694,500)

Background

Bamboo Health maintains the Connecticut Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for the state. During previous IT consolidation a part of this contract was transferred to DAS BITS.

The PDMP collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$694,500 in FY 26 and FY 27 to DAS BITS for the PDMP software contract.

Provide Funding to Enforce the Junk Fees Legislation

Personal Services	-	172,328
Total - General Fund	-	172,328
Positions - General Fund	-	2

Background

SB 1248, *An Act Expanding Consumer Protections*, requires price disclosure and transparency for various fees and makes a violation an unfair trade practice.

Governor

Provide funding of \$172,328 in FY 27 for one staff attorney and one special investigator to enforce the junk fees legislation.

Provide Funding for Homemaker Companion Agency Oversight

Personal Services	-	72,758
Total - General Fund	-	72,758
Positions - General Fund	-	1

Background

A Homemaker Companion Agency is any public or private organization, employing one or more persons that is engaged in the business of providing companion services or homemaker services. Since 2008 any homemaker companion agency is required to register with the Department which regulates the industry through audits and investigations of complaints. The industry currently has over 1,000 Homemaker Companion Agencies.

Governor

Provide funding of \$72,758 in FY 27 for one special investigator to help regulate this industry.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)
Other Expenses	(325,000)	(325,000)
Total - General Fund	(1,925,000)	(1,925,000)
Personal Services	(500,000)	(500,000)
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(500,000)	(500,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,925,000 in FY 26 and in FY 27 to the General Fund and \$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect current agency requirements.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	738,769	738,769
Total - General Fund	738,769	738,769
Personal Services	179,270	179,270
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	179,270	179,270

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$738,769 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the General Fund and \$179,270 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	17,747,798	17,747,798
Policy Revisions	5,176,614	5,548,210
Current Services	(1,186,231)	(1,186,231)
Total Recommended - GF	21,738,181	22,109,777
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	6,004,816	6,004,816
Policy Revisions	(5,684,086)	(5,684,086)
Current Services	(320,730)	(320,730)
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	220	220
Policy Revisions	65	68
Total Recommended - GF	285	288
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	62	62
Policy Revisions	(62)	(62)
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
HRO41100

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	91	91	91	91	91	91	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	7,831,969	7,919,578	9,038,718	9,038,718	8,257,749	8,257,749	4.27
Other Expenses	1,786,393	248,527	1,431,000	1,431,000	248,527	248,527	-
Other Current Expenses							
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission	5,040	5,977	5,977	5,977	5,977	5,977	-
Agency Total - General Fund	9,623,402	8,174,082	10,475,695	10,475,695	8,512,253	8,512,253	4.14

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	338,171	338,171
Total - General Fund	338,171	338,171

Background

The Governor’s Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$338,171 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency’s increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	8,174,082	8,174,082
Current Services	338,171	338,171
Total Recommended - GF	8,512,253	8,512,253

Workers' Compensation Commission

WCC42000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Workers' Compensation Fund	111	111	111	111	111	111	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	9,118,656	10,144,612	10,429,348	10,429,348	9,729,348	9,729,348	(4.09)
Other Expenses	2,412,447	2,476,091	2,476,091	2,476,091	2,476,091	2,476,091	-
Equipment	-	1	1	1	1	1	-
Other Current Expenses							
Fringe Benefits	8,545,020	10,482,494	10,482,494	10,482,494	8,527,772	8,527,772	(18.65)
Indirect Overhead	495,277	495,277	692,270	692,270	1,586,205	1,586,205	220.27
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	20,571,400	23,598,475	24,080,204	24,080,204	22,319,417	22,319,417	(5.42)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Adjust Fringe Benefits to Reflect Actual Rates

Fringe Benefits	(1,954,722)	(1,954,722)
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(1,954,722)	(1,954,722)

Background

The fringe benefit costs for employees supported by funds other than the General Fund are budgeted within their respective agencies, as opposed to the fringe benefits account within the Office of the State Comptroller.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,954,722 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect necessary funds for fringe benefits.

Fund Indirect Overhead at Comptroller's Projected Amount

Indirect Overhead	1,090,928	1,090,928
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	1,090,928	1,090,928

Background

Agencies funded outside the General Fund are charged with indirect overhead costs by the Office of the State Comptroller for utilizing certain centralized state agency services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,090,928 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to ensure sufficient funds for indirect overhead.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(700,000)	(700,000)
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	(700,000)	(700,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$700,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	284,736	284,736
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	284,736	284,736

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$284,736 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - WF	23,598,475	23,598,475
Current Services	(1,279,058)	(1,279,058)
Total Recommended - WF	22,319,417	22,319,417