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COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Chip Curry, Senate Chair
Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement
and Business

DATE: March 1, 2024

RE: Committee Recommendations on the Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget
Bill (LD 2214)

On February 27, 2024, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business reviewed the portions of the Governor's proposed Supplemental Budget Bill (LD 2214) within the committee's jurisdiction.

As described in this memorandum, the IDEA members present and voting at that meeting recommend acceptance of all budget items as presented in the attached OFPR worksheet.

Department of Economic and Community Development

The 10 members present and voting¹ recommend acceptance of the Department of Economic and Community Development budget proposal as presented in OFPR Worksheet pages 1 to 2.

Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

The 10 members present and voting² recommend acceptance of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation budget proposal as presented in OFPR Worksheet pages 3 to 4.

¹ In favor of acceptance: Senators Curry, Guerin; Representatives Roberts, White, Crockett, Sayre, Collamore, Smith, Ness, Lanigan. Opposed to acceptance: none. Absent: Senator Rafferty; Representatives LaRoche, Walker
² Same votes as in footnote 1.

Attached is the OFPR Worksheet indicating the Committee's vote on all individual initiatives included within the above described budget programs. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or assistance in connection with these recommendations.

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cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

Maureen Dawson, OFPR Analyst, AFA Committee

Justin Purvis, Clerk, AFA Committee

Sec. A-9. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Transfers the cost of one limited-period Public Service Executive I position and related All Other costs from the Office of Tourism program to the Administration - Economic and Community Development program within the same fund for the administration of the outdoor recreation economy federal award from the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Ref. #: 197 Committee Vote: In 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$152,768
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$272,932
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$425,700

Justification:

The limited-period position and All Other funding for this grant were established in the incorrect budget program in Public Law 2023, chapter 412.

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Adjusts headcount and funding between the Federal Expenditures Fund and the Federal Block Grant Fund in the Community Development Block Grant Program to correct an error in Public Law 2023, chapter 412.

Ref. #: 201 Committee Vote: In 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$72,553	\$76,998
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$72,553	\$76,998

Ref. #: 202 Committee Vote: In 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)

Justification:

This initiative corrects the elimination of a vacant Office Associate II position in Public Law 2023, chapter 412 by restoring headcount and Personal Services funding in the Federal Expenditures Fund and reduces headcount and Personal Services funding in the Federal Block Grant Fund.

Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Transfers the cost of one limited-period Public Service Executive I position and related All Other costs from the Office of Tourism program to the Administration - Economic and Community Development program within the same fund for the administration of the outdoor recreation economy federal award from the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Ref. #: 199

Committee Vote: In 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	(\$152,768)
All Other	\$0	\$0	(\$272,932)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	(\$425,700)

Justification:

The limited-period position and All Other funding for this grant were established in the incorrect budget program in Public Law 2023, chapter 412.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$72,553	\$76,998
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for higher rent costs for leased office space and related STA-CAP cost.

Ref. #: 736 Committee Vote: In 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$9,703
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$9,703

Justification:

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers signed a new lease for a larger office space with necessary conference space after their existing lease expired. The Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the State Board of Nursing renewed their office space leases, but rates have increased.

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Specialist II position to a Comprehensive Health Planner I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 733 Committee Vote: In 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$6,633
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$89
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$6,722

Justification:

Reorganizes an approved Office Specialist II position to a Comprehensive Health Planner I position.

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352

Initiative: Establishes 2 Elevator Inspector positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 734 Committee Vote: In 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$185,310
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$29,764

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$215,074
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Justification:

This initiative will provide funding to add 2 Elevator Inspectors positions to enable the Office to recruit and retain qualified staff for meeting the Legislature's directive to supplement current staffing to avoid delays in the growth of affordable housing.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$231,499
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$231,499