

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
FY2017 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT
March 4, 2016

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Senator Pete Kelly, Chair

Senator Cathy Giessel

Senator Johnny Ellis

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation submits a recommended operating budget for FY2017 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$17,001.7
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$28,380.5
Other Funds	\$14,389.0
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$23,878.9</u>
Total	\$83,650.1

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY16 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of \$3,091.6 which is a 15.4 percent change and a reduction of 3 PCNs.

Positions:

Permanent Full Time (PFT)	513
Permanent Part Time (PPT)	0
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>2</u>
Total positions	515

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Subcommittee on the Department of Environmental Conservation Budget held two meetings on January 22 and February 4, 2016 with the agency. The Subcommittee reviewed the FY2017 budget request and took the following actions:

Accepted the Governor's amended proposal, which includes these highlights:

Administrative Services (17.6), 1004 GF/(47.4), 1052 Oil/Haz Fd; -1 PCN
Delete Shared Receptionist Position due to Recognized Efficiencies

Laboratory Services (100.0), 1004 GF
Reduction Due to Increased Fee Revenue

Air Quality (60.0), 1004 GF
Reduction due to Reclassification of an Environmental Program Specialist to a Chemist

Air Quality 250.0, 1002 Fed Rcpts
Increase Federal due to New Grant Funding

Spill Prevention and Response (478.5), 1004 GF/478.5, 1052 Oil/Haz Fd
Fund Source Change from General Funds to the Prevention Account

Water Quality (400.0), 1004 GF/400.0, 1005 GF/Prgm
Replace General Funds with Program Receipts

Water Quality (700.2), 1004 GF
Dissolve the Technical Services Program

Facility Construction (253.0), 1004 GF
Reduction due to Other Available Fund Sources

Agency-Wide Unallocated Reduction 285.0, 1004 GF/77.1 1003 G/F Match
Reverse FY2017 Unallocated Reduction due to FY2016 One-Time Salary Adjustment

Water Quality (362.1), 1004 GF
Delete Two Positions due to Reorganizing Management Supervision

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Office of the Commissioner 109.8, 1004 GF; 1 PCN
Restore Economist III Position Associated with Ch. 87, SLA 2014 (HB 140) eliminated in the other body's recommendation.

Office of the Commissioner (145.1), 1004 GF; -1 PCN
Eliminate Manager for Rural and Tribal Environmental Issues

Food Safety & Sanitation (268.1), 1004 GF
Restored \$89.0 from the reduction in the other body's recommendation.

Laboratory Services (307.0), 1004 GF/307.0, 1205 Ocn Ranger
Fund Fish Tissue Monitoring Program with Ocean Ranger Fees

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Legislative Language Recommendations:

- The subcommittee finds that the Ocean Ranger Program statutes should be revisited. The current fee has a narrow statutory purpose that may not be the most efficient use of funding to meet the goals established by the voter initiative. The program's methods should be re-examined in light of technological changes that may allow for greater efficiency.
- It is our recommendation that the Senate Finance Committee introduce legislation that will enable the department to capture indirect costs associated with services in its fees.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation adopts the attached reports:

2016 Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure

1. Agency Totals – FY2017 Operating Budget (Attachment A)
2. Allocation Summary (All Funds) (Attachment B)
3. Allocation Summary (GF Only) (Attachment C)
4. Transaction Compare between Adjusted Base (17Adj Base) and Senate Subcommittee (S Sub) (Attachment D)
5. Transaction Compare between Governor Amended (Gov Amd) and Senate Subcommittee (S Sub) (Attachment E)
6. Transaction Compare between House Subcommittee (H Sub) to the Senate Subcommittee (S Sub) (Attachment F)
7. Wordage Report – FY2017 Operating Budget (Attachment G)

The Budget Action Worksheet is attached for informational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Pete Kelly, Chair

Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation