

Program 110

DSHS - Administration and Supporting Services

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2007-09 Expenditure Authority	742.5	71,942	71,239	143,181
Supplemental Changes				
Technical Corrections		26	16	42
Build in Federal Grant Authority			1,166	1,166
Information Technology Pool Project Funding			91	91
Enhanced Recovery Initiative	2.0	256	3,146	3,402
Payment System for Providers	9.2	3,512	2,042	5,554
Pension Plan 1 COLA Funding		20	8	28
PEBB Rate Reduction		(1,134)	(494)	(1,628)
Mileage Rate Adjustments		4	2	6
Postage Rate Adjustments		18	10	28
Transfers	4.6	10,079	(830)	9,249
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	15.8	12,781	5,157	17,938
Total Proposed Budget	758.3	84,723	76,396	161,119
Difference	15.8	12,781	5,157	17,938
Percent Change	2.1%	17.8%	7.2%	12.5%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Technical Corrections

Funding authority is adjusted in several programs within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to correct for technical errors in the 2007-09 biennial budget. These corrections include changes related to the personal needs allowance, Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Office of Financial Recovery. Additionally, Public Safety Education Account funding for the Family Policy Council is shifted from the first year to the second year to more accurately align program expenditures. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Build in Federal Grant Authority

A number of Annie E. Casey and Braam Panel grants have been renewed over the course of several years. The increased local expenditure authority is now anticipated and included in the Department's budget rather than treated as unanticipated receipts when the grants are received. (General Fund-Private/Local)

Information Technology Pool Project Funding

A technical correction is made to properly fund projects assumed in the Information Technology pool that are included in the 2007-09 biennial budget. (General Fund-Federal)

Enhanced Recovery Initiative

Beginning in July 2007, 4.0 FTE staff were dedicated to pursuing federal and private/local funding sources and identifying savings to be gained through efficiencies. Currently these positions are only funded through June 2008. To continue capturing the increased federal and private/local dollars, these staff are continued. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

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Payment System for Providers

As part of a collective bargaining arbitration agreement, the state is required to make a good faith effort to move toward a more flexible payment system for independent home care providers and others who collectively bargain for wages and benefits. Start-up costs for this system are provided this biennium. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Pension Plan 1 COLA Funding

Funding was provided in the 2007-09 budget for the additional employer contributions to retirement systems required by modifications to the eligibility criteria for the uniform COLA in the Public Employees' Retirement System Plan 1 (PERS 1) and the Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 (TRS 1) in Senate Bill 5175. This item moves that funding from the State Employee Compensation Adjustments agency into individual agency budgets. (General Fund-State, other funds)

PEBB Rate Reduction

The state contributes 88 percent of the total weighted average of the employee health care premium and also pays for the cost of dental, life and long-term disability insurance. Total Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) expenditures for the 2007-09 Biennium are anticipated to be lower than budgeted because (1) health plan costs for calendar year 2008 are lower than expected, which will benefit both the state and its employees; (2) the Uniform Medical Plan continues to perform better than projected; and (3) funding was removed from the PEBB administrative cost allocation for an information technology system replacement due to the restrictive nature of federal funding. The state employer contribution rate will be reduced from \$732 per month to \$575 per month. This one-time reduction will leave an unrestricted fund balance of \$19.2 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2009. (General Fund-State, various other funds).

Mileage Rate Adjustments

Reimbursements for client-related travel are increased to the allowable automobile mileage rate of \$.485 per mile. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Postage Rate Adjustments

Funding is provided to address the 5.1 percent postage rate increase for first-class mail. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)

Transfers

Transfers between DSHS programs are made to properly align FTE staff and appropriations with those programs expected to realize the expenditures or savings. These transfers net to zero agency-wide. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Federal)