

Agency 462

Pollution Liability Insurance Program

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2007-09 Expenditure Authority	6.0		1,840	1,840
Supplemental Changes				
Design Criteria for Oil Heat Tanks			33	33
Online Recruiting Service			1	1
PEBB Rate Reduction			(13)	(13)
Transfers				
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes			21	21
Total Proposed Budget	6.0		1,861	1,861
Difference			21	21
Percent Change	0.0%		1.1%	1.1%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Design Criteria for Oil Heat Tanks

Chapter 240, Laws of 2007, gives the Pollution Liability Insurance Program the authority to reimburse eligible heating oil tank program participants for the increased cost of replacing leaking oil tanks with more leak-resistant models. To implement this legislation, the agency needs to establish the design criteria for these tanks this fiscal year. One-time funding is provided for costs related to this activity. (Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Nonappropriated)

Online Recruiting Service

To support the state's online recruitment tool (E-Recruiting), additional funds are provided for a one-time charge from the Department of Personnel. This will improve the ability of agencies to manage their recruitment and hiring processes as required by the Personnel System Reform Act of 2002.

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).

Transfers

Ongoing funding is shifted between accounts and fiscal years in order to correct technical errors in the enacted biennial budget. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State, Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Nonappropriated)

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