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# **Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget Review** **DEPARTMENT OF** **CONSERVATION & ENERGY**

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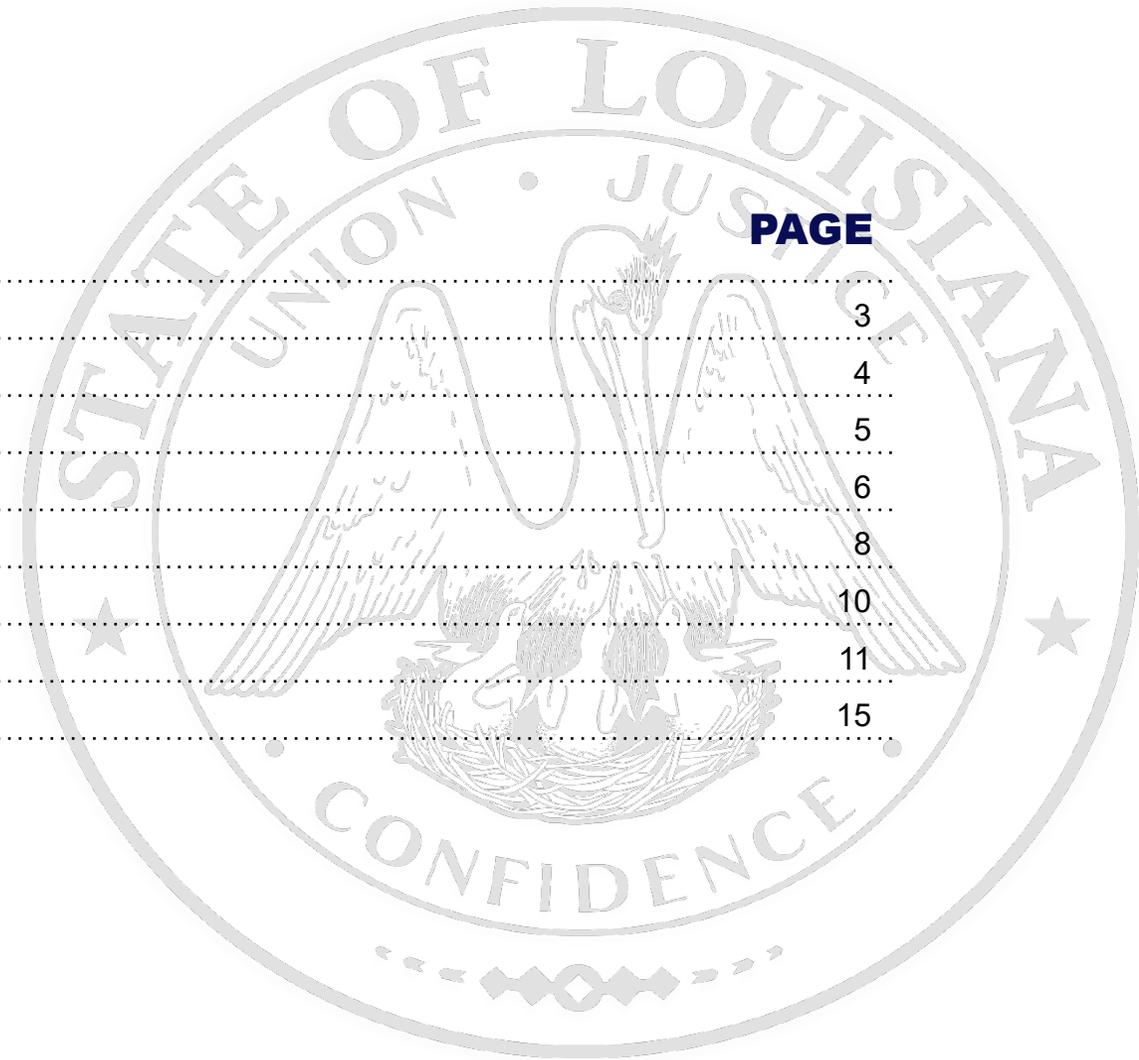
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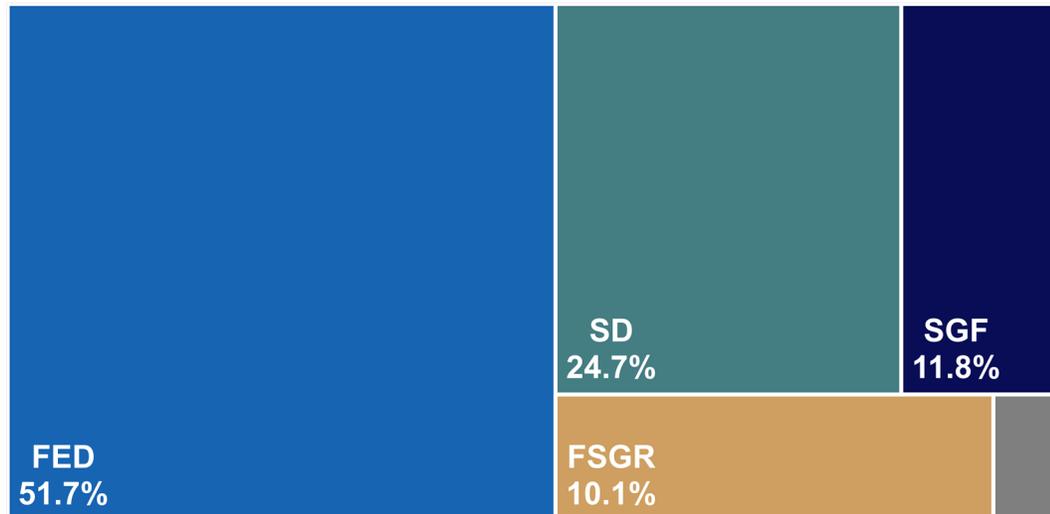
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# FY 27 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

## Total Funding = \$201,285,652

Means of Finance		
State General Fund	\$	23,753,661
Interagency Transfers		3,408,144
Fees & Self-generated		20,308,864
Statutory Dedications		49,675,763
Federal Funds		104,139,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>201,285,652</b>



Program Funding & Authorized Positions			
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Office of the Secretary	\$	201,285,652	376
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>201,285,652</b>	<b>376</b>



# SOURCES OF FUNDING

<b>State General Fund</b> <b>\$23.8 M</b>	<b>Interagency Transfers</b> <b>\$3.4 M</b>	<b>Self-generated Revenue</b> <b>\$20.3 M</b>	<b>Statutory Dedications</b> <b>\$49.7 M</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b> <b>\$104.1 M</b>
<p>The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing</p>	<p>Funding is derived from the following transfers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.8 M from the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority</li> <li>• \$550,000 from Wildlife &amp; Fisheries</li> <li>• \$10,381 from the Division of Administration</li> </ul>	<p>Revenues derived from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$14.5 M from the Oil &amp; Gas Regulatory Dedicated Fund Account</li> <li>• \$4.1 M from the Coastal Resources Trust Dedicated Fund Account</li> <li>• \$982,000 from the Underwater Obstruction Removal Dedicated Fund Account</li> <li>• \$706,758 from the sale of data, insurance recovery, and from interest revenues received from energy efficiency loans</li> </ul>	<p>Funding is derived from the following funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$19.5 M from the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund</li> <li>• \$16.6 M from the Mineral and Energy Operation Fund</li> <li>• \$7.7 M from the Oil Spill Contingency Fund</li> <li>• \$2.8 M from the Carbon Dioxide Geologic Storage Trust Fund</li> <li>• \$2.2 M from the Natural Resources Restoration Trust Fund</li> <li>• \$876,080 from the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund</li> </ul>	<p>Federal funding derived from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$58.6 M from the U.S. Department of Energy</li> <li>• \$39.4 M from the U.S. Department of the Interior</li> <li>• \$3 M from the Department of Commerce</li> <li>• \$2.3 M from the U.S. Department of Transportation</li> <li>• \$1.1 M from the Environmental Protection Agency</li> </ul>

# FUNDING COMPARISON

Means of Finance	FY 25 Actual Expenditures	FY 26 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/25	FY 27 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	\$ 19,213,745	\$ 29,021,034	\$ 23,753,661	\$ (5,267,373)	(18.2%)	\$ 4,539,916	23.6%
IAT	4,403,313	7,247,855	3,408,144	(3,839,711)	(53.0%)	(995,169)	(22.6%)
FSGR	14,982,563	20,462,314	20,308,864	(153,450)	(0.7%)	5,326,301	35.5%
Stat Ded	31,463,717	54,697,129	49,675,763	(5,021,366)	(9.2%)	18,212,046	57.9%
Federal	13,068,752	115,701,149	104,139,220	(11,561,929)	(10.0%)	91,070,468	696.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 83,132,090</b>	<b>\$ 227,129,481</b>	<b>\$ 201,285,652</b>	<b>\$ (25,843,829)</b>	<b>(11.4%)</b>	<b>\$ 118,153,562</b>	<b>142.1%</b>

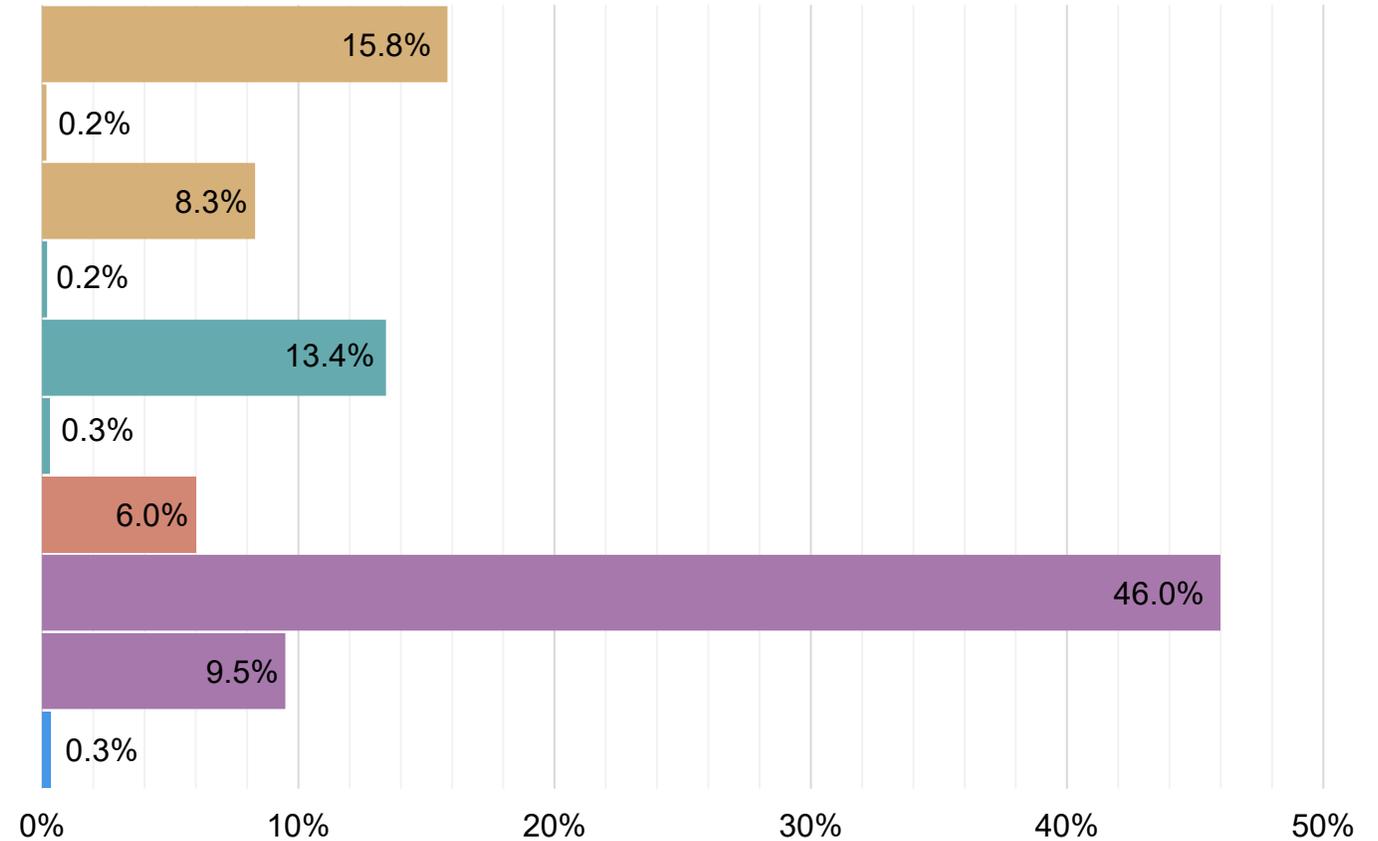
## Significant funding changes compared to the FY 26 Existing Operating Budget

State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds
<p>(\$5.3 M) net decrease primarily due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$10.9 M) for the removal of funding carried into FY 26 that is no longer needed in FY 27</li> <li>\$3.7 M for various standard statewide adjustments</li> <li>\$2.2 M increase to cover the state match needed for federal grants</li> </ul>	<p>(\$3.8 M) decrease due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$2 M) decrease for realignment of expenditures</li> <li>(\$1.5 M) decrease for a means of finance swap with the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund</li> <li>(\$292,053) decrease from the Office of State Lands</li> </ul>	<p>(\$5 M) net decrease due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$8.5 M) reduction out of the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund</li> <li>\$5.1 M increase in the Mineral Energy &amp; Operation Fund</li> <li>(\$2.5 M) reduction in the Modernization &amp; Security Fund</li> <li>\$876,080 increase in the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund</li> </ul>	<p>(\$11.6 M) net decrease due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$25 M) decrease due to the "Solar for Y'all" grant being repealed</li> <li>\$14.2 M increase for the Home Energy Rebate Option grant and the State Energy Program grant from the Department of Energy</li> </ul>

# FY 27 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION

**Total Budget = \$201,285,652**

Expenditure Category		
Salaries	\$	31,848,618
Other Compensation		330,377
Related Benefits		16,720,115
Travel		401,296
Operating Services		27,011,048
Supplies		621,249
Professional Services		12,046,226
Other Charges		92,551,943
Interagency Transfers		19,102,380
Acquisitions/Repairs		652,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>201,285,652</b>



# OTHER CHARGES / INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

## Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$ 37,111,976	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
21,736,838	Louisiana Hub for Energy Resilience Operations (HERO)
12,391,531	Professional Services for Federal Grants
9,000,000	Home Efficiency Rebates (HER) program
9,000,000	Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)
2,175,000	Natural Resources Restoration Trust Fund
426,988	Coastal Management
421,710	Fisherman's Gear (Claims)
264,900	FES - Warner Projects
23,000	Legal Services
<b>\$ 92,551,943</b>	<b>Total Other Charges</b>

## Interagency Transfers

Amount	Description
\$ 9,971,184	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
3,666,455	Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
2,500,000	Strategic Online Natural Resources Information System (SONRIS) Upgrade
1,176,970	Rent in State-owned Buildings
387,134	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
230,373	Legislative Auditor Fees
197,469	Division of Administration
193,207	Security Fees
183,706	DOTD - Topographical Mapping
182,648	Civil Service Fees
150,000	Department of Environmental Quality
130,000	DOJ - Attorney General
90,167	Maintenance in State-owned Buildings
21,054	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
14,008	Administrative Law Judges Fees
7,171	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
834	State Treasury Fees
<b>\$ 19,102,380</b>	<b>Total Interagency Transfers</b>

# EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

Expenditure Category	FY 25 Actual Expenditures	FY 26 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/25	FY 27 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	\$ 25,168,929	\$ 29,646,867	\$ 31,848,618	\$ 2,201,751	7.4%	\$ 6,679,689	26.5%
Other Compensation	508,833	371,424	330,377	(41,047)	(11.1%)	(178,456)	(35.1%)
Related Benefits	14,206,532	15,543,937	16,720,115	1,176,178	7.6%	2,513,583	17.7%
Travel	351,552	486,117	401,296	(84,821)	(17.4%)	49,744	14.1%
Operating Services	25,268,436	36,968,021	27,011,048	(9,956,973)	(26.9%)	1,742,612	6.9%
Supplies	366,852	636,314	621,249	(15,065)	(2.4%)	254,397	69.3%
Professional Services	3,334,661	22,719,532	12,046,226	(10,673,306)	(47.0%)	8,711,565	261.2%
Other Charges	6,001,388	101,849,481	92,551,943	(9,297,538)	(9.1%)	86,550,555	1,442.2%
Interagency Transfers	7,607,380	17,292,499	19,102,380	1,809,881	10.5%	11,495,000	151.1%
Acquisitions/Repairs	317,526	1,615,289	652,400	(962,889)	(59.6%)	334,874	105.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 83,132,089</b>	<b>\$ 227,129,481</b>	<b>\$ 201,285,652</b>	<b>\$ (25,843,829)</b>	<b>(11.4%)</b>	<b>\$ 118,153,563</b>	<b>142.1%</b>

# SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES

*Compared to the FY 26 Existing Operating Budget*

Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Professional Services	IAT/Other Charges
<p>\$3.3 M net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$3.5 M for standard statewide adjustments to salaries including attrition, benefits, and retirement changes</li> <li>(\$216,144) to transfer one (1) authorized T.O. position to Louisiana Economic Development</li> <li>(\$41,047) reduction due to efficiencies</li> </ul>	<p>(\$10.1 M) decrease due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$10 M) reduction due to an anticipated decrease in plugging orphaned wells</li> <li>(\$84,821) reduction due to efficiencies</li> <li>\$33,027 increase related to Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District expenditures</li> <li>(\$15,065) to remove funding for supplies carried into FY 26 that is no longer needed in FY 27</li> <li>\$10,000 increase in operating services for Home Energy Rebate Option (HERO) and the State Energy Program Grants (SEP)</li> </ul>	<p>(\$10.7 M) decrease due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$9.2 M) to remove funding carried into FY for contracts that cross fiscal years</li> <li>(\$2.5 M) reduction due to "Solar for Y'all" grant being repealed</li> <li>\$1.1 M for two (2) new contracts for the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District</li> </ul>	<p>(\$7.5 M) net decrease due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(\$22.5 M) reduction due to the "Solar for Y'all" grant being repealed</li> <li>\$16.4 M increase for HERO and SEP grants</li> <li>(\$2.5 M) to remove one-time funding for SONRIS budgeted in FY 26 no longer needed in FY 27</li> <li>(\$2 M) to align with agency needs</li> <li>(\$740,214) to remove funding for two (2) federal grants through the US Department of Commerce</li> <li>\$60,550 for two (2) new contracts for the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District</li> </ul>

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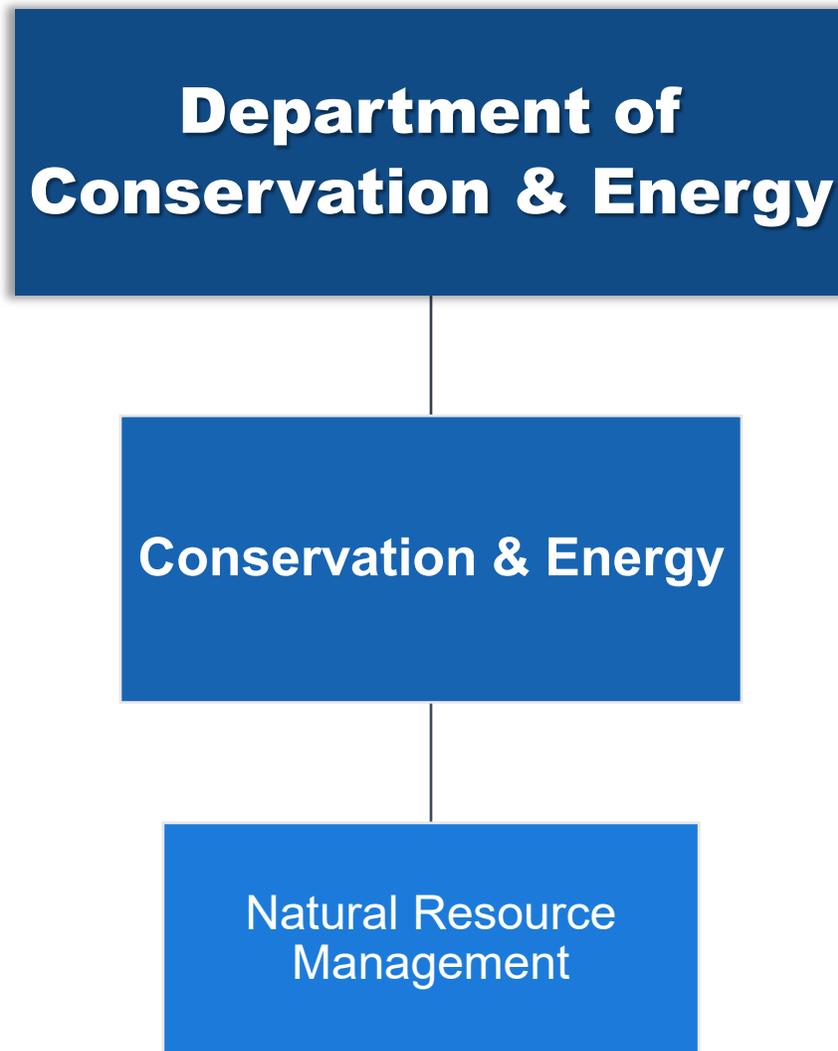
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# General Department Information



# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



## Natural Resource Management

- Provides leadership and coordination to ensure consistent natural resource management across the Department and with external partners
- Supports the Governor's and Legislature's directives while representing Louisiana's natural resource interests at the state and global level
- Oversees environmentally responsible leasing and development of minerals, oil, gas, and alternative energy on state-owned lands and water bottoms
- Manages mineral royalties efficiently by ensuring accurate collection and timely distribution under the State Mineral and Energy Board
- Improves internal operations by streamlining accounting, budgeting, procurement, data systems, human resources, and grants management
- Promotes efficient energy use and the development of renewable and alternative energy through training, technical assistance, and policy analysis

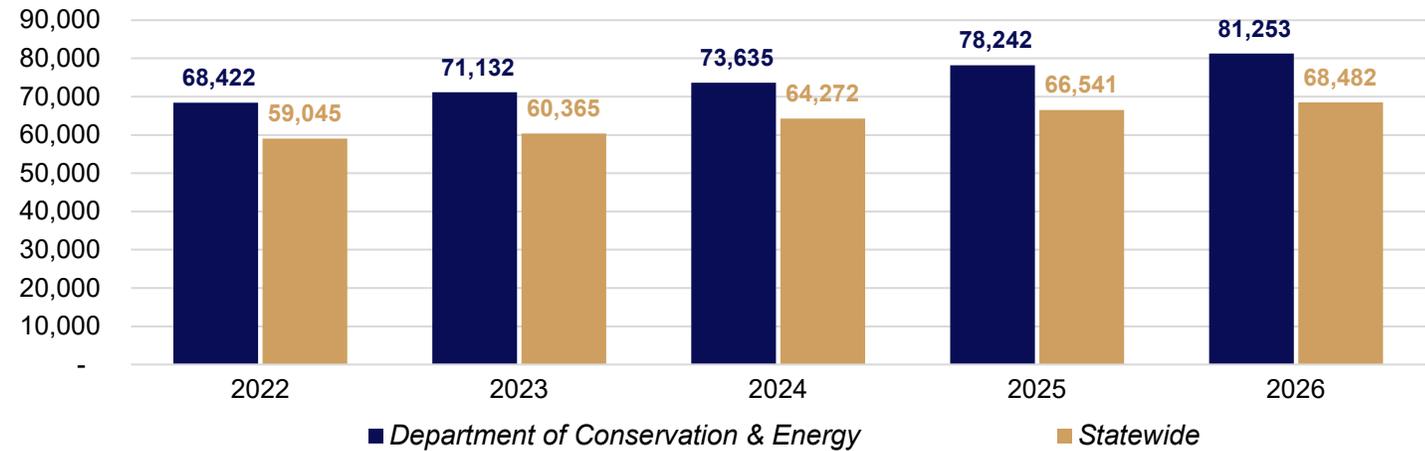


# PERSONNEL INFORMATION

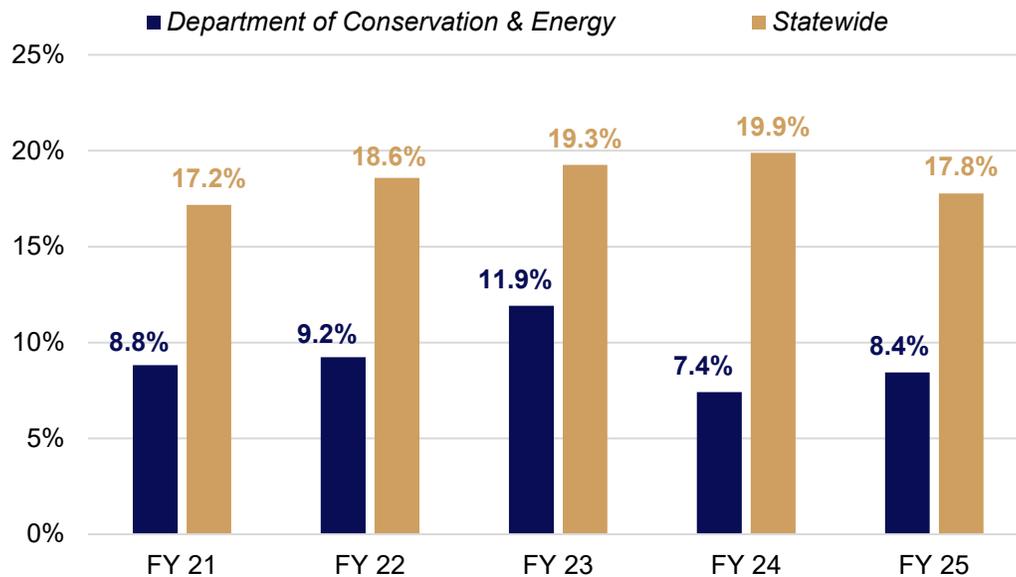
## FY 2027 Recommended Positions

376	Total Authorized T.O. Positions (364 Classified, 12 Unclassified)
0	Authorized Other Charges Positions
0	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
45	Vacant Positions (December 3, 2025)

## Historical Average Salary



## Turnover History

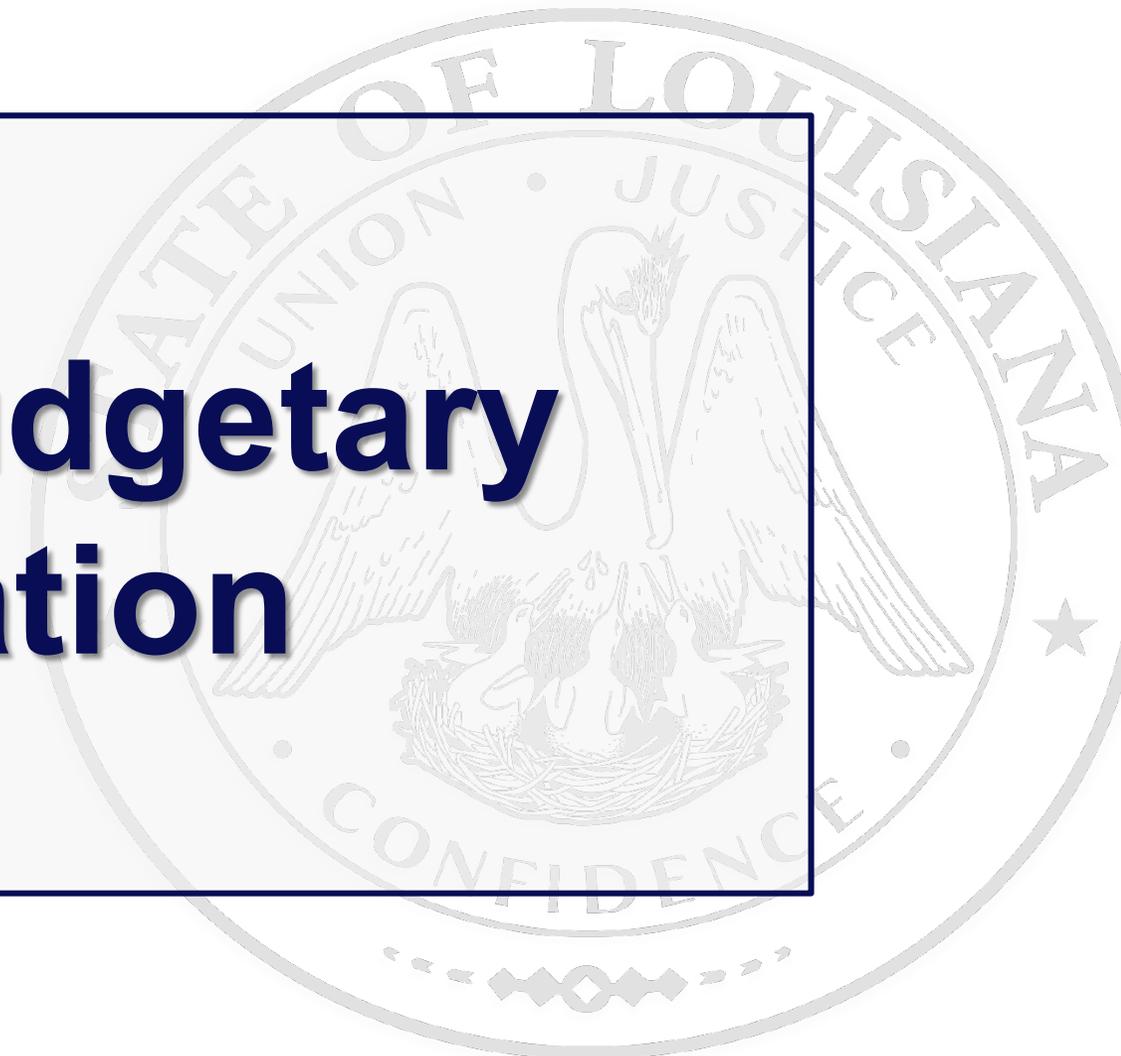


## Top Positions Vacated FY 2025

Position	Number of Employees	Separations	Turnover Rate
Conservation Enforcement Specialist III	41	5	12.2%
Petroleum Scientist III	34	4	11.8%
Petroleum Scientist Administrator	4	3	75.0%
Mineral Production Analyst I	2	2	100.0%
Petroleum Scientist Manager II	6	1	16.7%

Source: Department of Civil Service

# General Budgetary Information



# FY 26 EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET

The FY 2025-26 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2025. This point-in-time reference is used in both the Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Bill.

Means of Finance	Appropriation	Mid-Year Adjustments	Existing Operating Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 18,158,394	\$ 10,862,640	\$ 29,021,034
<b>Interagency Transfers</b>	7,247,855	0	7,247,855
<b>Self-generated Revenue</b>	20,462,314	0	20,462,314
<b>Statutory Dedications</b>	51,660,875	3,036,254	54,697,129
<b>Federal</b>	115,701,149	0	115,701,149
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 213,230,587</b>	<b>\$ 13,898,894</b>	<b>\$ 227,129,481</b>

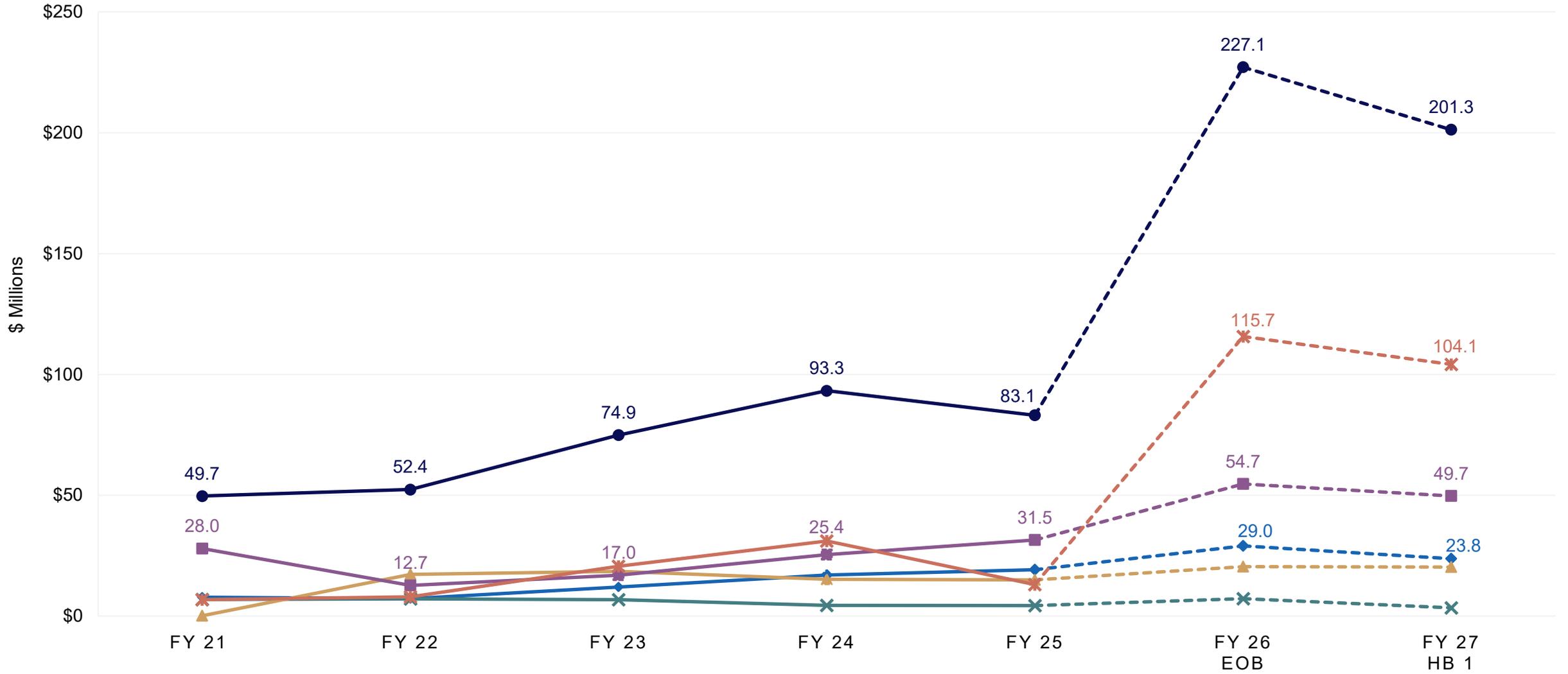
<i>Mid-year Adjustments Summary</i>				
July	August	September	October	November
No change	\$10.8 M  State General Fund carried into FY 26 from the prior fiscal year for program expenses and contracts	\$3 M  Funding for the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District out of the Mineral and Energy Operation Fund	No change	No change

# HISTORICAL SPENDING

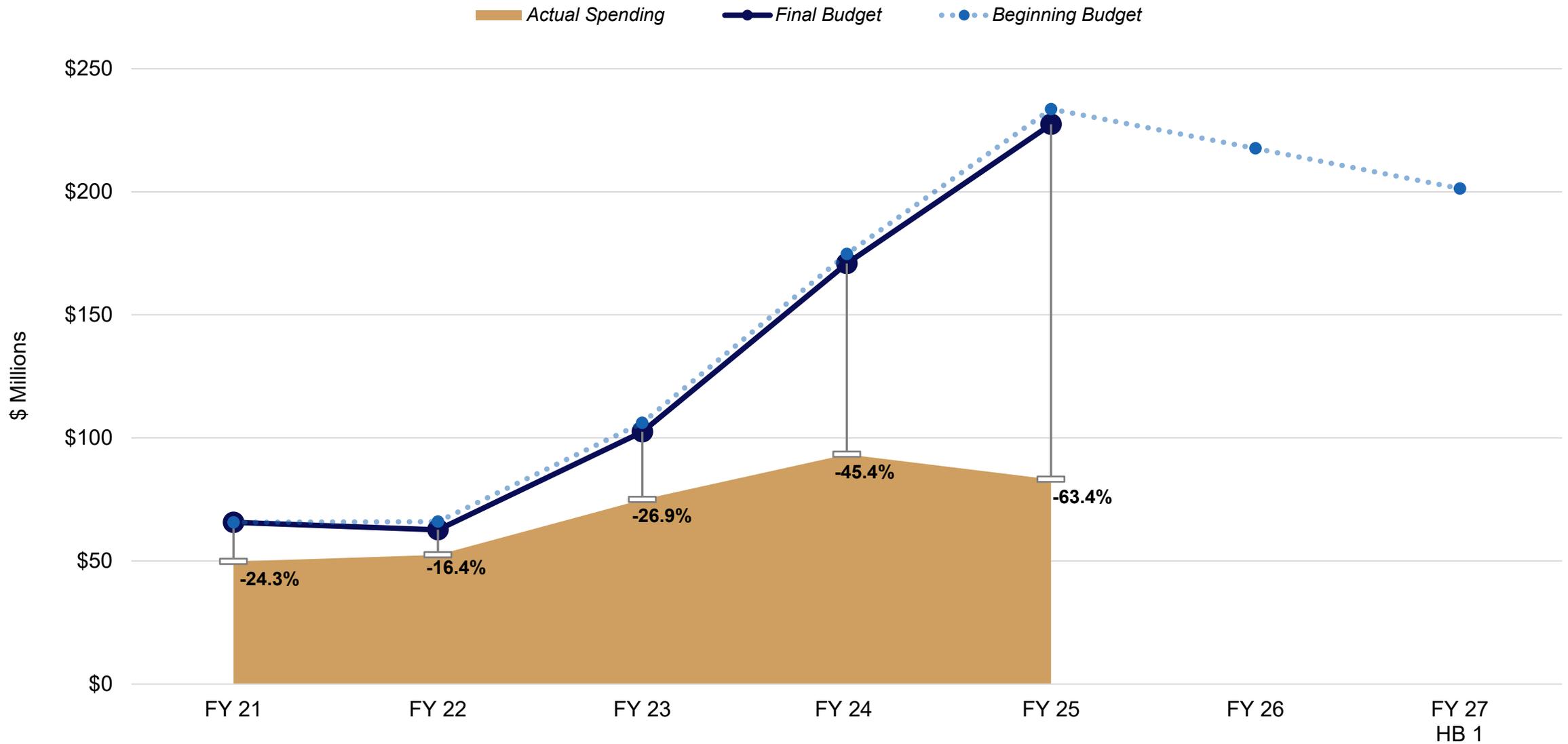
◆ State General Fund
✕ Interagency Transfers
▲ Fees & Self-generated
■ Statutory Dedications
✱ Federal Funds
● Total Budget

Annual Average Spending Change from FY 21 to 25:

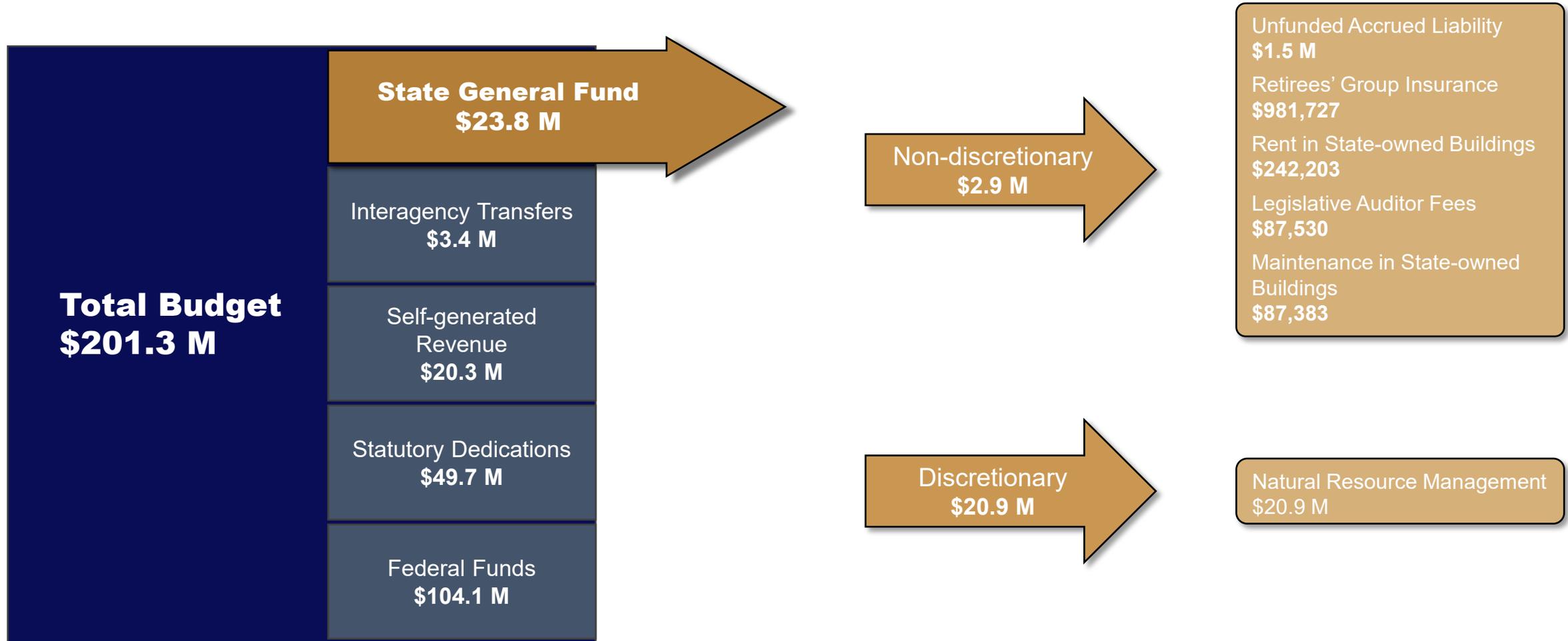
25.2%	(10.6%)	222.3%	3.0%	17.6%	13.7%
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# HISTORICAL BUDGET



# DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES



\* Figures may not add precisely due to rounding \*