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Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget Review

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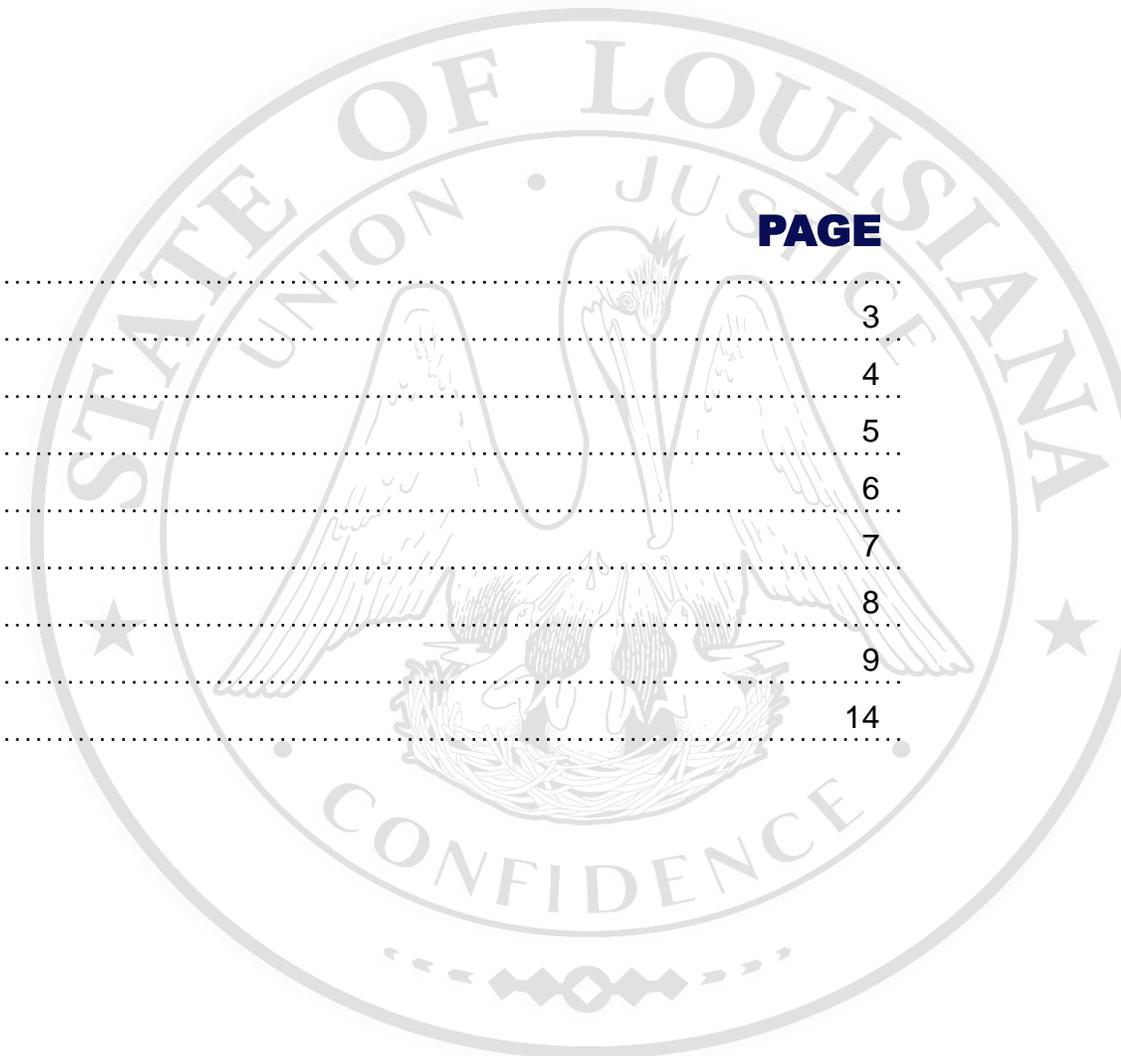
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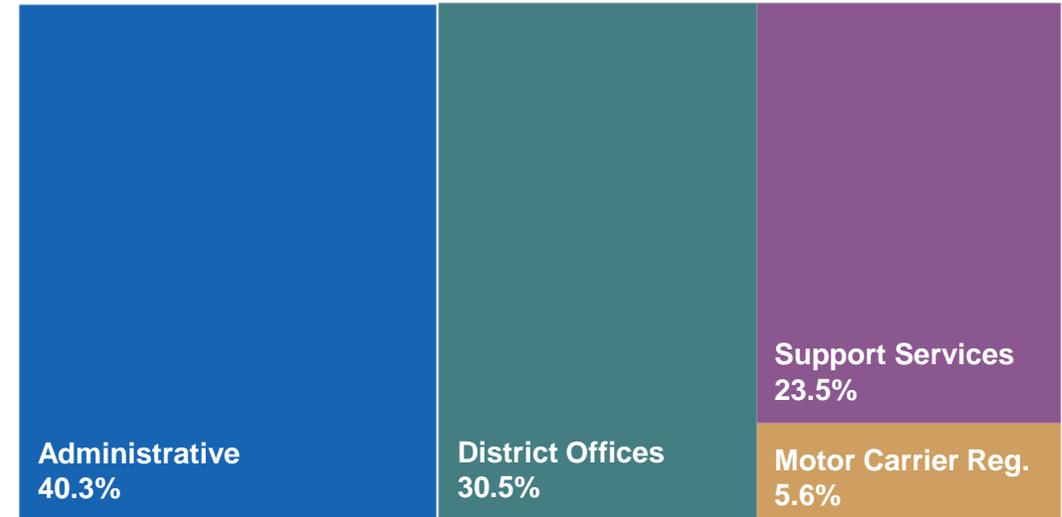
FY 27 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Total Funding = \$11,475,339

Means of Finance			
State General Fund	\$		0
Interagency Transfers			0
Fees & Self-generated		11,475,339	
Statutory Dedications			0
Federal Funds			0
Total	\$		11,475,339



Program Funding & Authorized Positions			
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Administrative	\$	4,628,274	31
Support Services		2,699,930	21
Motor Carrier Registration		643,731	6
District Offices		3,503,404	37
Total	\$	11,475,339	95



SOURCE OF FUNDING

These funds were previously classified as dedicated funds but were reclassified as FSGR dedicated fund accounts, on July 1, 2022.

Self-generated Revenues			
\$11.5 M			
Account Name	Amount	Source	Usage
Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund Account	\$11,029,587	<i>(R.S. 45:1177)</i> - Fee for inspection, control, and supervision of the business service and rates of common carriers and public utilities, in addition to any and all property, franchise, license, and other taxes, and fees and charges now or hereafter fixed, assessed, or charged by law against such common carriers and public utilities.	Monies in this fund shall be used solely for the expenses of the operations of the PSC.
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund Account	\$227,490	<i>(R.S. 45:169.1)</i> - Monies collected by the transportation division of PSC for regulation of the motor carrier industry, intrastate application, registration, permit fees, and fines collected from civil penalties.	Monies in the carrier fund shall be used to defray the cost of regulation of the intrastate motor carrier industry, specifically by the transportation division of the PSC. Monies in the carrier fund shall be available to increase personnel resources and physical support; for regulation of the intrastate motor carrier industry.
Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund Account	\$218,262	<i>(R.S. 45:844.14)</i> - Fees from solicitors for a copy of the "Do not Call" listing as well as penalties for "Do not Call" violations.	Monies in the fund shall be used solely and exclusively for implementation, administration, and enforcement of the "Do Not Call" listing.

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	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 0	0.0%
IAT	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
FSGR	8,991,159	10,952,836	11,475,339	522,503	4.8%	2,484,180	27.6%
Stat Ded	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Federal	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	\$ 8,991,159	\$ 10,952,836	\$ 11,475,339	\$ 522,503	4.8%	\$ 2,484,180	27.6%

Significant funding changes compared to the FY 26 Existing Operating Budget

Fees & Self-generated

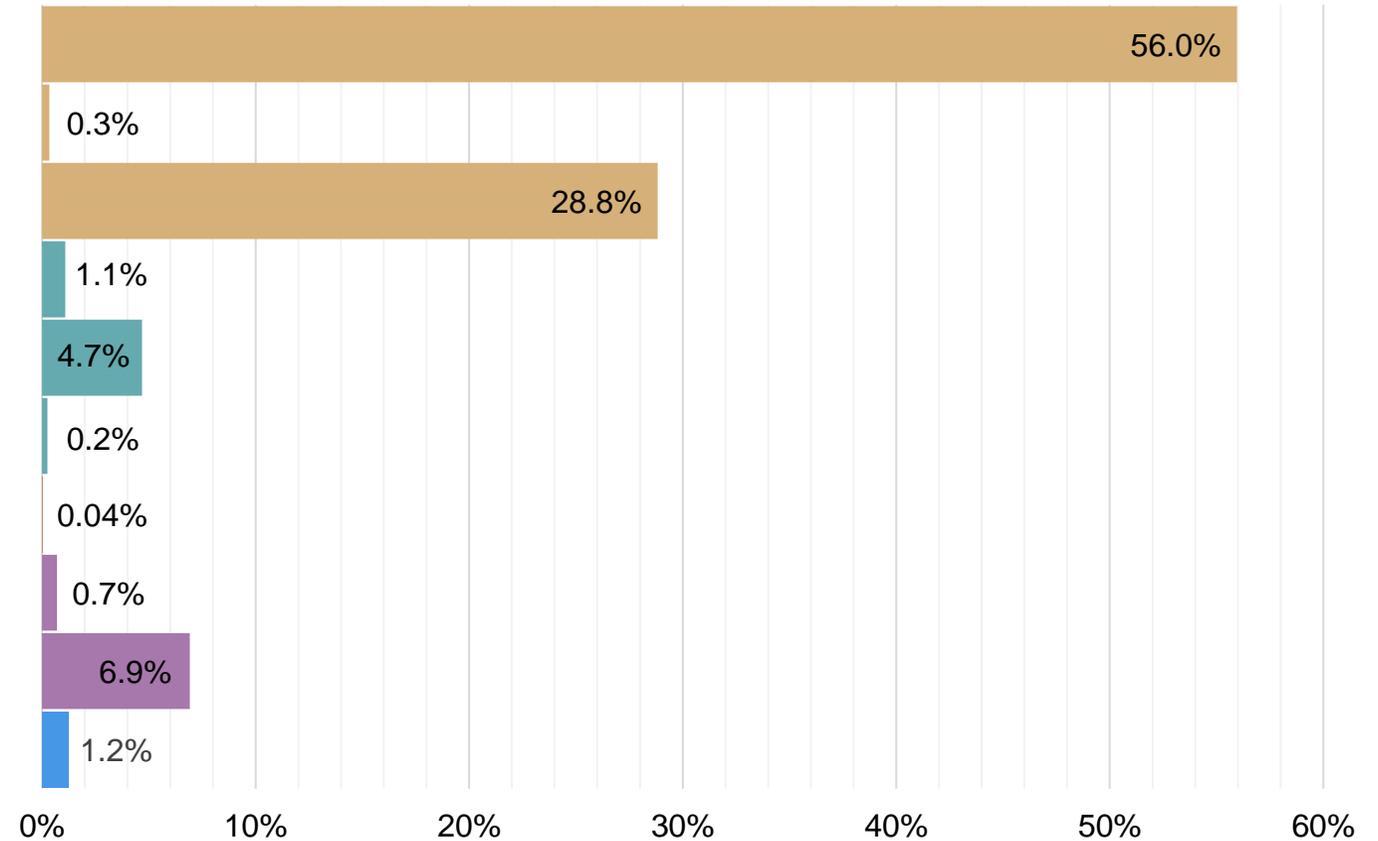
\$522,503 increase due to:

- \$504,752 increase in the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account
- \$17,751 increase in the Telephonic Solicitation Relief Dedicated Fund Account

FY 27 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION

Total Budget = \$11,475,339

Expenditure Category		
Salaries	\$	6,420,861
Other Compensation		38,000
Related Benefits		3,307,755
Travel		123,868
Operating Services		536,534
Supplies		28,539
Professional Services		5,000
Other Charges		80,300
Interagency Transfers		793,157
Acquisitions/Repairs		141,325
Total	\$	11,475,339



EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

Expenditure Category	FY 25 Actual Expenditures	FY 26		FY 27		Change		Change	
		Existing Operating Budget 12/1/25	Existing Operating Budget 12/1/25	HB1 Budget	Existing Operating Budget to HB1	Existing Operating Budget to HB1	Actual Expenditures to HB1	Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	\$ 4,919,393	\$ 6,090,916	\$ 6,420,861	\$ 329,945	5.4%	\$ 1,501,468	30.5%		
Other Compensation	1,712	38,000	38,000	0	0.0%	36,288	2,119.6%		
Related Benefits	2,650,407	3,202,532	3,307,755	105,223	3.3%	657,348	24.8%		
Travel	78,072	123,868	123,868	0	0.0%	45,796	58.7%		
Operating Services	463,071	528,439	536,534	8,095	1.5%	73,463	15.9%		
Supplies	25,094	28,539	28,539	0	0.0%	3,445	13.7%		
Professional Services	0	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	5,000	0.0%		
Other Charges	68,857	80,300	80,300	0	0.0%	11,443	16.6%		
Interagency Transfers	687,980	753,359	793,157	39,798	5.3%	105,177	15.3%		
Acquisitions/Repairs	96,573	101,883	141,325	39,442	38.7%	44,752	46.3%		
Total	\$ 8,991,159	\$ 10,952,836	\$ 11,475,339	\$ 522,503	4.8%	\$ 2,484,180	27.6%		

Significant expenditure changes compared to the FY 26 Existing Operating Budget

Personnel Services	Acquisitions/Repairs
<p>\$435,168 net increase due to: Various standard statewide adjustments to salaries and related benefits including changes to items such as attrition, retirement, and group insurance rates</p>	<p>\$39,442 net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$141,325 to provide for items needed in FY 27 such as vehicle replacements, computer and office equipment, software updates, etc. (\$101,883) to remove funding for acquisition purchases funded in FY 26 that are no longer needed in FY 27

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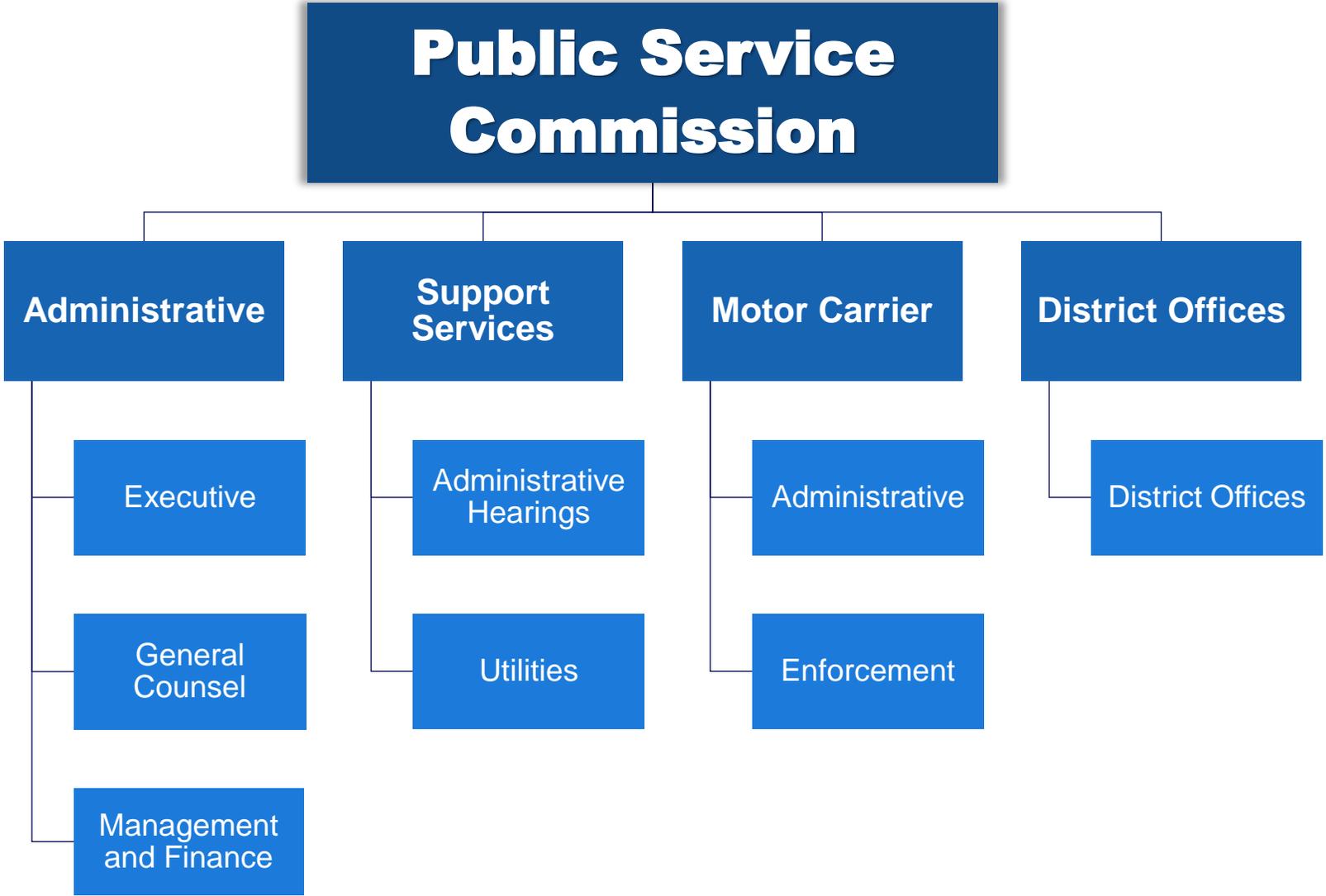
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General Department Information

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Administrative and Support Services

Administrative Program:

Executive

Coordinates all of the operations in the department

General Counsel

Responsible for the legal matters of the department

Management and Finance

Responsible for providing various services for the rest of the department, including accounting, and information technology

Do Not Call Program

Maintains a list of residential phone numbers that registered businesses cannot call when soliciting in the state

Support Services Program:

Administrative Hearings Division

Conducts public hearings on issues pertaining to the Public Service Commission's jurisdiction, which includes the rates and services of public utilities and motor carriers

Utilities Division

Responsible for the maintenance of all of the rates in regulated utilities
Audits regulated utility companies, overall results of operations, the rate base, and rates of return on equity and capital, upon which consumer rates are based



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Motor Carrier Registration and District Offices

Motor Carrier Registration Program:

Administrative Division

Processes all of the paperwork necessary for companies to legally engage in transportation services within the state

Enforcement Division

Ensures compliance in regards to the rules and regulations for motor carriers operating in the state

District Offices Program:

Made up of each elected commissioner and their staff within their respective district

Commissioners include:

- District 1 – Eric Skrmetta
- District 2 – Jean-Paul P. Coussan
- District 3 – Davante Lewis
- District 4 – Mike Francis
- District 5 – Foster L. Campbell

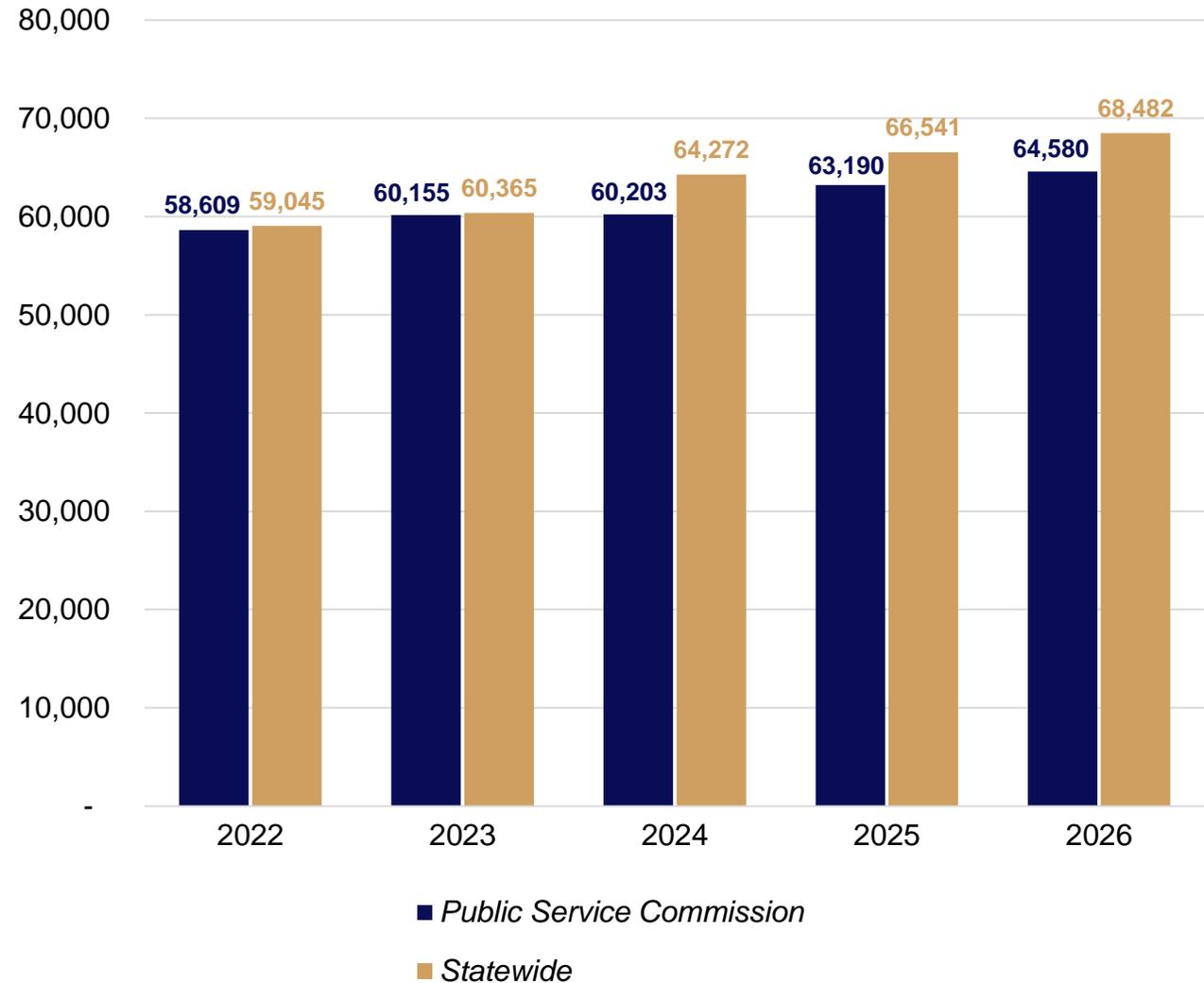


PERSONNEL INFORMATION

FY 2027 Recommended Positions

95	Total Authorized T.O. Positions <i>(77 Classified, 18 Unclassified)</i>
0	Authorized Other Charges Positions
1	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
19	Vacant Positions <i>(December 3, 2025)</i>

Historical Average Salary



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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
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0
Self-generated Revenue	10,952,836	0	10,952,836
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0
Total	\$ 10,952,836	\$ 0	\$ 10,952,836

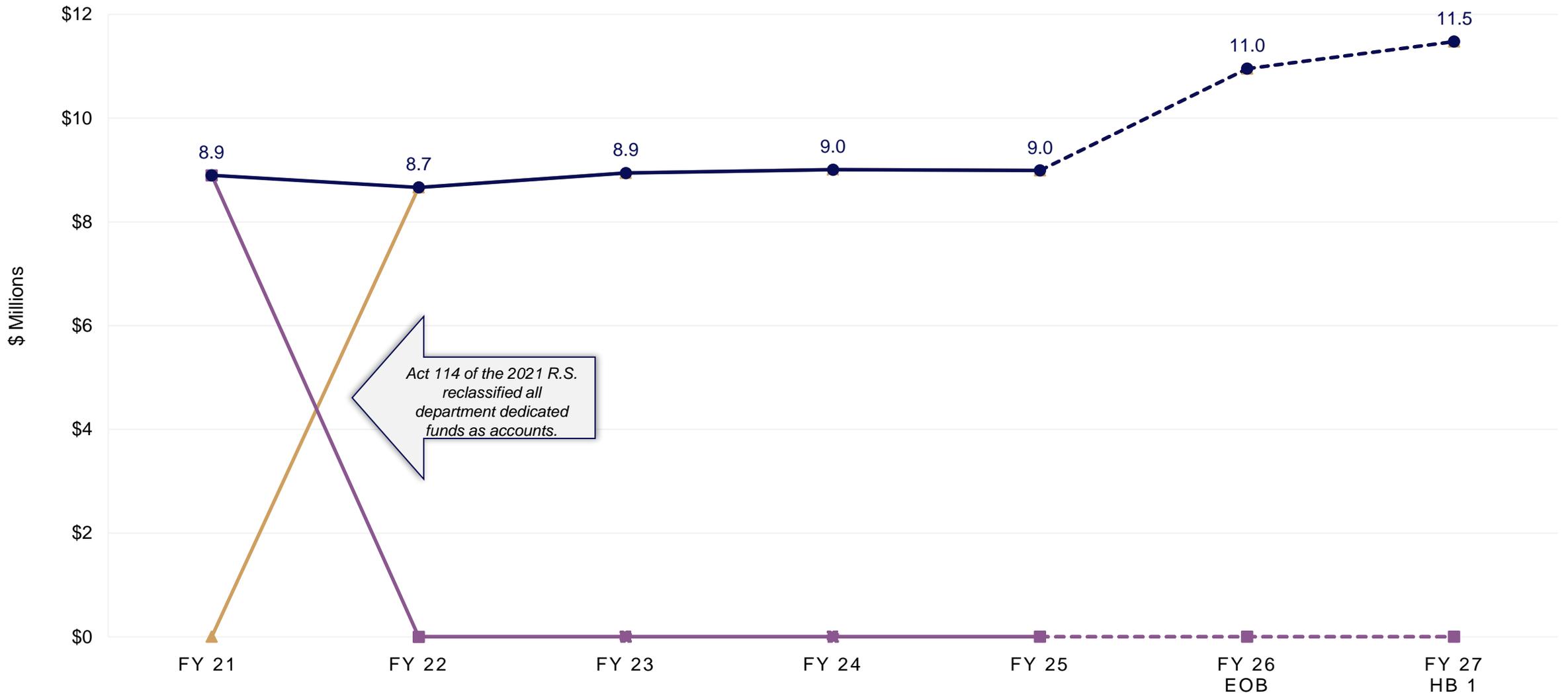
<i>Mid-year Adjustments Summary</i>				
July	August	September	October	November
No change	No change	No change	No change	No change

HISTORICAL SPENDING

▲ Fees & Self-generated
 ■ Statutory Dedications
 ● Total Budget

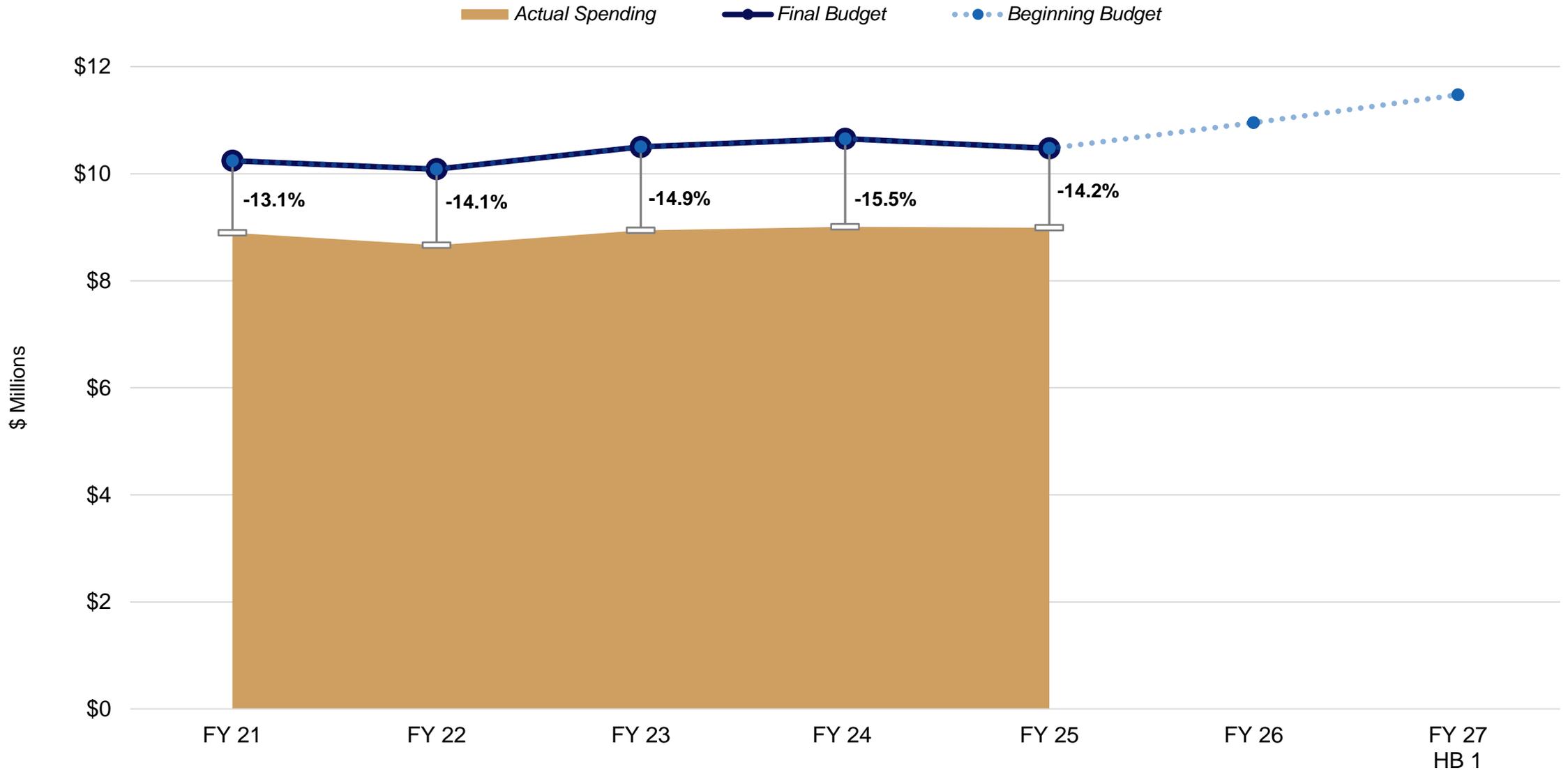
Annual Average Spending Change from FY 21 to 25:

0.3%	(100%)	0.3%
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Act 114 of the 2021 R.S. reclassified all department dedicated funds as accounts.

HISTORICAL BUDGET



OTHER CHARGES / INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

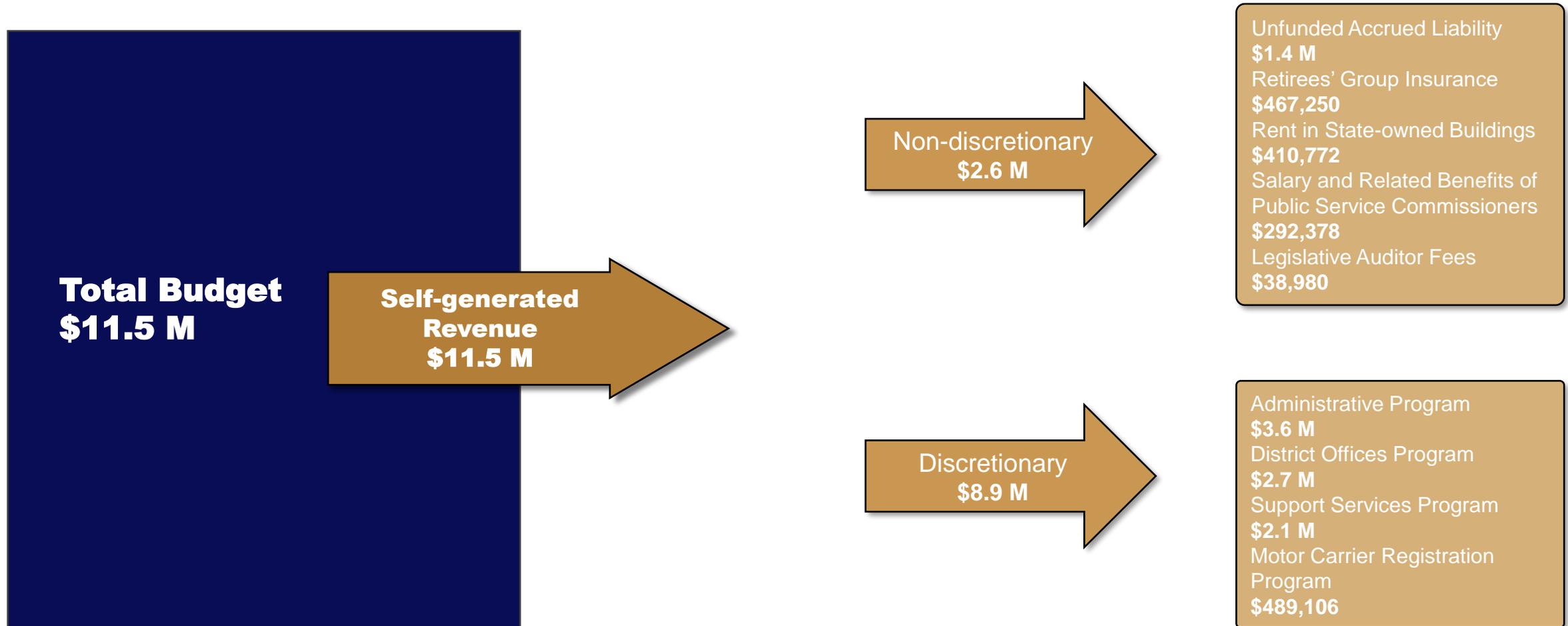
Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$ 33,000	Case management system enhancements
19,550	Power outage mapping contract & enhancements
18,200	Commission meeting broadcasts for the general public
6,500	Do not call list maintenance and enforcement
3,050	Shredding services and IT system maintenance
\$ 80,300	Total Other Charges

Interagency Transfers

Amount	Description
\$ 410,772	Rent in State-owned Buildings
200,905	Office of Technology Services - telephone, data, postage, mail, and e-mail services
51,029	Capitol Park Security
47,323	Risk Management
38,980	Legislative Auditor Fees
28,278	Civil Service
10,900	DEQ - East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for security cost allocation
4,260	Uniform Payroll System
710	Office of State Procurement
\$ 793,157	Total Interagency Transfers

DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES



* Figures may not add precisely due to rounding *