

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1008 - Public Service Commission - House Action

| | Base Budget | House Changes | House Version |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries and wages | \$11,026,304 | \$1,108,083 | \$12,134,387 |
| New and vacant FTE pool | | 265,735 | 265,735 |
| Operating expenses | 2,205,487 | 417,167 | 2,622,654 |
| Capital assets | 25,000 | 205,000 | 230,000 |
| Grants | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| Abandoned mined lands contractual | 6,000,000 | | 6,000,000 |
| Rail rate complaint case | 900,000 | | 900,000 |
| Railroad safety program | 672,206 | 41,024 | 713,230 |
| Specialized legal services | 420,000 | (19,834) | 400,166 |
| Total all funds | \$21,268,997 | \$2,017,175 | \$23,286,172 |
| Less estimated income | 13,779,645 | 454,823 | 14,234,468 |
| General fund | \$7,489,352 | \$1,562,352 | \$9,051,704 |
| FTE | 45.00 | 0.00 | 45.00 |

Department 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes

| | Adjusts Base Budget Funding¹ | Adds Funding for Cost to Continue Salaries² | Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases³ | Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool⁴ | Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool⁵ | Adds Funding for Operating Costs⁶ |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| Salaries and wages | (\$174,866) | \$151,844 | \$696,806 | \$795,986 | (\$361,687) | |
| New and vacant FTE pool | | | | | 265,735 | |
| Operating expenses | (87,973) | | | | | \$255,140 |
| Capital assets | | | | | | |
| Grants | | | | | | |
| Abandoned mined lands contractual | | | | | | |
| Rail rate complaint case | | | | | | |
| Railroad safety program | | 9,606 | 34,016 | 15,336 | (17,934) | |
| Specialized legal services | (19,834) | | | | | |
| Total all funds | (\$282,673) | \$161,450 | \$730,822 | \$811,322 | (\$113,886) | \$255,140 |
| Less estimated income | (282,673) | 18,945 | 296,009 | 264,504 | (46,007) | 4,625 |
| General fund | \$0 | \$142,505 | \$434,813 | \$546,818 | (\$67,879) | \$250,515 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| | Adds Federal Funding for Drone Purchase⁷ | Adds One-Time Funding⁸ | Total House Changes |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | | | \$1,108,083 |
| New and vacant FTE pool | | | 265,735 |
| Operating expenses | | \$250,000 | 417,167 |
| Capital assets | \$50,000 | 155,000 | 205,000 |
| Grants | | | |
| Abandoned mined lands contractual | | | |
| Rail rate complaint case | | | |
| Railroad safety program | | | 41,024 |
| Specialized legal services | | | (19,834) |
| Total all funds | \$50,000 | \$405,000 | \$2,017,175 |
| Less estimated income | 50,000 | 149,420 | 454,823 |
| General fund | \$0 | \$255,580 | \$1,562,352 |
| FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

¹ Funding is adjusted for estimated changes in federal funds and other budget adjustments.

² Funding is added for cost to continue 2023-25 biennium salary increases.

³ The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

| | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Salary increase | \$274,922 | \$185,662 | \$460,584 |
| Health insurance increase | <u>159,891</u> | <u>110,347</u> | <u>270,238</u> |
| Total | \$434,813 | \$296,009 | \$730,822 |

⁴ Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

| | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Vacant FTE positions | \$181,788 | \$125,902 | \$307,690 |
| New FTE positions | <u>365,030</u> | <u>138,602</u> | <u>503,632</u> |
| Total | \$546,818 | \$264,504 | \$811,322 |

⁵ Funding of \$379,621 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$265,735 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$113,886.

| | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Vacant FTE positions | (\$226,262) | (\$153,359) | (\$379,621) |
| Funding pool line item | <u>158,383</u> | <u>107,352</u> | <u>265,735</u> |
| Net savings | (\$67,879) | (\$46,007) | (\$113,886) |

⁶ Funding is added for the following operating costs:

| | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Information technology costs | \$64,692 | \$0 | \$64,692 |
| Increased rent and operating costs | <u>185,823</u> | <u>4,625</u> | <u>190,448</u> |
| Total | \$250,515 | \$4,625 | \$255,140 |

⁷ Federal capital assets funding is added for the purchase of a drone.

⁸ One-time funding is added for the following items:

| | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Drone remote sensing technology | \$5,580 | \$149,420 | \$155,000 |
| Federal intervention funding | <u>250,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>250,000</u> |
| Total | \$255,580 | \$149,420 | \$405,000 |

House Bill No. 1008 - Other Changes - House Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Amends Section 49-01-05 providing 3 percent annual salary increases for the Public Service Commissioners.
- Amends Section 57-43.2-19 increasing the amount of special fuels excise taxes deposited in the rail safety fund.