

Department of Consumer Protection

DCP39500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	217	220	220	285	288	230	240
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	62	62	-	-	62	62

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Legislative	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	13,734,080	12,027,480	16,030,358	20,583,972	21,055,568	16,096,179	16,807,275
Other Expenses	1,187,796	913,684	1,717,440	1,154,209	1,054,209	719,940	757,940
Agency Total - General Fund	14,921,876	12,941,164	17,747,798	21,738,181	22,109,777	16,816,119	17,565,215
Personal Services	-	4,216,030	5,656,047	-	-	5,335,317	5,335,317
Other Expenses	-	335,611	348,769	-	-	348,769	348,769
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	-	4,551,641	6,004,816	-	-	5,684,086	5,684,086
Total - Appropriated Funds	14,921,876	17,492,805	23,752,614	21,738,181	22,109,777	22,500,205	23,249,301

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Maintain Cannabis Costs in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund

Personal Services	5,335,317	5,335,317	-	-	(5,335,317)	(5,335,317)
Other Expenses	348,769	348,769	-	-	(348,769)	(348,769)
Total - General Fund	5,684,086	5,684,086	-	-	(5,684,086)	(5,684,086)
Positions - General Fund	62	62	-	-	(62)	(62)
Personal Services	(5,335,317)	(5,335,317)	-	-	5,335,317	5,335,317
Other Expenses	(348,769)	(348,769)	-	-	348,769	348,769
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(5,684,086)	(5,684,086)	-	-	5,684,086	5,684,086
Positions - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(62)	(62)	-	-	62	62

Background

PA 21-1, JSS, *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis*, legalized recreational cannabis use for adults 21 years of age or older. Recreational cannabis sales began in January 2023.

The Governor's Recommended Budget moves the Cannabis Regulatory Fund (CRF) and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund (PRSF) expenditures to the General Fund (GF) and the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This affects 11 agencies, 94 positions, and an appropriation of \$12.8 million in FY 26 and FY 27 across the GF and the STF.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$5,684,086 and 62 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 for cannabis regulation duties from the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to the General Fund.

Legislative

Maintain funding of \$5,684,086 and 62 positions in both FY 26 and FY 27 in the Cannabis Regulatory Fund.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding for Cannabis Regulation

Personal Services	-	-	322,000	322,000	322,000	322,000
Other Expenses	-	-	7,000	-	7,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	329,000	322,000	329,000	322,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	3	3	3	3

Background

PA 25-166, *An Act Concerning the Regulation of Tobacco, Cannabis, Hemp and Related Products, Conduct and Establishments*, make various changes to the tobacco and cannabis statutes in the state.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$329,000 in FY 26 and \$322,000 in FY 27 for three additional positions to regulate the cannabis market.

Provide Funding to Regulate the 340b Market

Personal Services	-	-	203,304	203,304	203,304	203,304
Other Expenses	-	-	13,000	8,000	13,000	8,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	216,304	211,304	216,304	211,304
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Background

Sections 17-18 of SB 11, *An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Access and Affordability*, requires the Department of Consumer Protection to regulate the 340b marketplace.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$216,304 in FY 26 and \$211,304 in FY 27 to regulate the 340b market.

Provide Funding to Regulate the Real Estate Wholesale Market

Personal Services	-	-	-	175,000	-	175,000
Other Expenses	-	-	-	35,000	-	35,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	210,000	-	210,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	-	2	-	2

Background

Sections 252-259 of PA 25-168, *An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027, and Making Appropriations Therefor, and Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items Implementing the State Budget*, requires the Department of Consumer Protection to license and regulate real estate wholesalers.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$210,000 in FY 27 to hire two additional employees to regulate the real estate wholesaler market.

Provide Funding to Establish the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program

Personal Services	79,528	306,038	100,000	76,510	20,472	(229,528)
Other Expenses	107,500	7,500	-	7,000	(107,500)	(500)
Total - General Fund	187,028	313,538	100,000	83,510	(87,028)	(230,028)
Positions - General Fund	3	3	-	3	(3)	-

Background

HB 6870, *An Act Addressing Patients' Prescription Drug Costs*, requires the department to establish a Canadian prescription drug importation program. Funding is provided for a consultant to draft a feasibility study and help submit a program application to the FDA and for two drug control agents and one staff attorney to oversee the program.

PA 25-167, *An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Bipartisan Drug Task Force*, requires the department to establish a Canadian drug importation program.

Governor

Provide funding of \$187,028 in FY 26 and \$313,538 in FY 27 to fund a consultant and three positions to establish the Canadian prescription drug importation program.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 26 and \$83,510 in FY 27 to fund a consultant and three positions to establish the Canadian prescription drug importation program.

Provide Funding to Enforce New Unfair Trade Practice Violations

Personal Services	-	-	-	177,000	-	177,000
Other Expenses	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	187,000	-	187,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	-	2	-	2

Background

PA 25-44, *An Act Concerning Consumer Protection and Safety*, makes various changes regarding consumer protection statutes including the creation of multiple new unfair trade practice violations concerning price disclosure, connected device disclosure, and automatic renewals.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$187,000 in FY 27 for two additional positions to enforce the new unfair trade practice violations.

Provide Funding to Regulate Data Brokers

Personal Services	-	-	154,000	199,000	154,000	199,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	154,000	199,000	154,000	199,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Background

SB 1356, *An Act Concerning Data Privacy, Online Monitoring, Social Media, Data Brokers and Connected Vehicle Services*, requires the Department of Consumer Protection to license and regulate data brokers.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$154,000 in FY 26 and \$199,000 in FY 27 to hire two additional employees to license and regulate data brokers.

Provide Funding to Enforce the Junk Fees Legislation

Personal Services	-	172,328	-	172,328	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	172,328	-	172,328	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	2	-	2	-	-

Background

SB 1248, *An Act Expanding Consumer Protections*, requires price disclosure and transparency for various fees and makes a violation an unfair trade practice.

Governor

Provide funding of \$172,328 in FY 27 for one staff attorney and one special investigator to enforce the junk fees legislation.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Enhanced Health Insurance Patient Protections

Personal Services	-	-	92,500	185,000	92,500	185,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	92,500	185,000	92,500	185,000
Positions - General Fund	-	-	2	2	2	2

Background

PA 25-94, *An Act Concerning Health Insurance and Patient Protection*, makes various changes concerning health insurance and patient protection, including making certain hospital and healthcare violations an unfair trade practice violation.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$92,500 in FY 26 and \$185,000 in FY 27 to enforce the new unfair trade practice violation.

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding for Homemaker Companion Agency Oversight

Personal Services	-	72,758	-	72,758	-	-
Total - General Fund	-	72,758	-	72,758	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	1	-	1	-	-

Background

A Homemaker Companion Agency is any public or private organization, employing one or more persons that is engaged in the business of providing companion services or homemaker services. Since 2008 any homemaker companion agency is required to register with the Department which regulates the industry through audits and investigations of complaints. The industry currently has over 1,000 Homemaker Companion Agencies.

Governor

Provide funding of \$72,758 in FY 27 for one special investigator to help regulate this industry.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Regulate Prescription Drug Withdrawals from the Marketplace

Personal Services	-	-	55,248	55,248	55,248	55,248
Other Expenses	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	57,248	55,248	57,248	55,248
Positions - General Fund	-	-	1	1	1	1

Background

Section 347 of PA 25-168, *An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027, and Making Appropriations Therefor, and Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items Implementing the State Budget*, creates a civil penalty for a pharmaceutical manufacturer or wholesale distributor for withdrawing a prescription drug from sale in this state under certain circumstances.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$57,248 in FY 26 and \$55,248 in FY 27 for one new employee to regulate prescription drug withdrawals from the marketplace.

Transfer Funding for Software to DAS

Other Expenses	(694,500)	(694,500)	(694,500)	(694,500)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(694,500)	(694,500)	(694,500)	(694,500)	-	-

Background

Bamboo Health maintains the Connecticut Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for the state. During previous IT consolidation a part of this contract was transferred to DAS BITS.

The PDMP collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$694,500 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to DAS BITS for the PDMP software contract.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)	(1,600,000)	-	-
Other Expenses	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	(325,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(1,925,000)	(1,925,000)	(1,925,000)	(1,925,000)	-	-
Personal Services	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	-	-
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,925,000 in FY 26 and in FY 27 to the General Fund and \$500,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	738,769	738,769	738,769	738,769	-	-
Total - General Fund	738,769	738,769	738,769	738,769	-	-
Personal Services	179,270	179,270	179,270	179,270	-	-
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	179,270	179,270	179,270	179,270	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$738,769 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the General Fund and \$179,270 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the Cannabis Regulatory Fund to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	17,747,798	17,747,798	17,747,798	17,747,798	-	-
Policy Revisions	5,176,614	5,548,210	254,552	1,003,648	(4,922,062)	(4,544,562)
Current Services	(1,186,231)	(1,186,231)	(1,186,231)	(1,186,231)	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	21,738,181	22,109,777	16,816,119	17,565,215	(4,922,062)	(4,544,562)
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	6,004,816	6,004,816	6,004,816	6,004,816	-	-
Policy Revisions	(5,684,086)	(5,684,086)	-	-	5,684,086	5,684,086
Current Services	(320,730)	(320,730)	(320,730)	(320,730)	-	-
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	5,684,086	5,684,086	5,684,086	5,684,086

Positions	Governor Recommended		Legislative		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	220	220	220	220	-	-
Policy Revisions	65	68	10	20	(55)	(48)
Total Recommended - GF	285	288	230	240	(55)	(48)
FY 25 Appropriation - CRF	62	62	62	62	-	-
Policy Revisions	(62)	(62)	-	-	62	62
Total Recommended - CRF	-	-	62	62	62	62