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Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget Review

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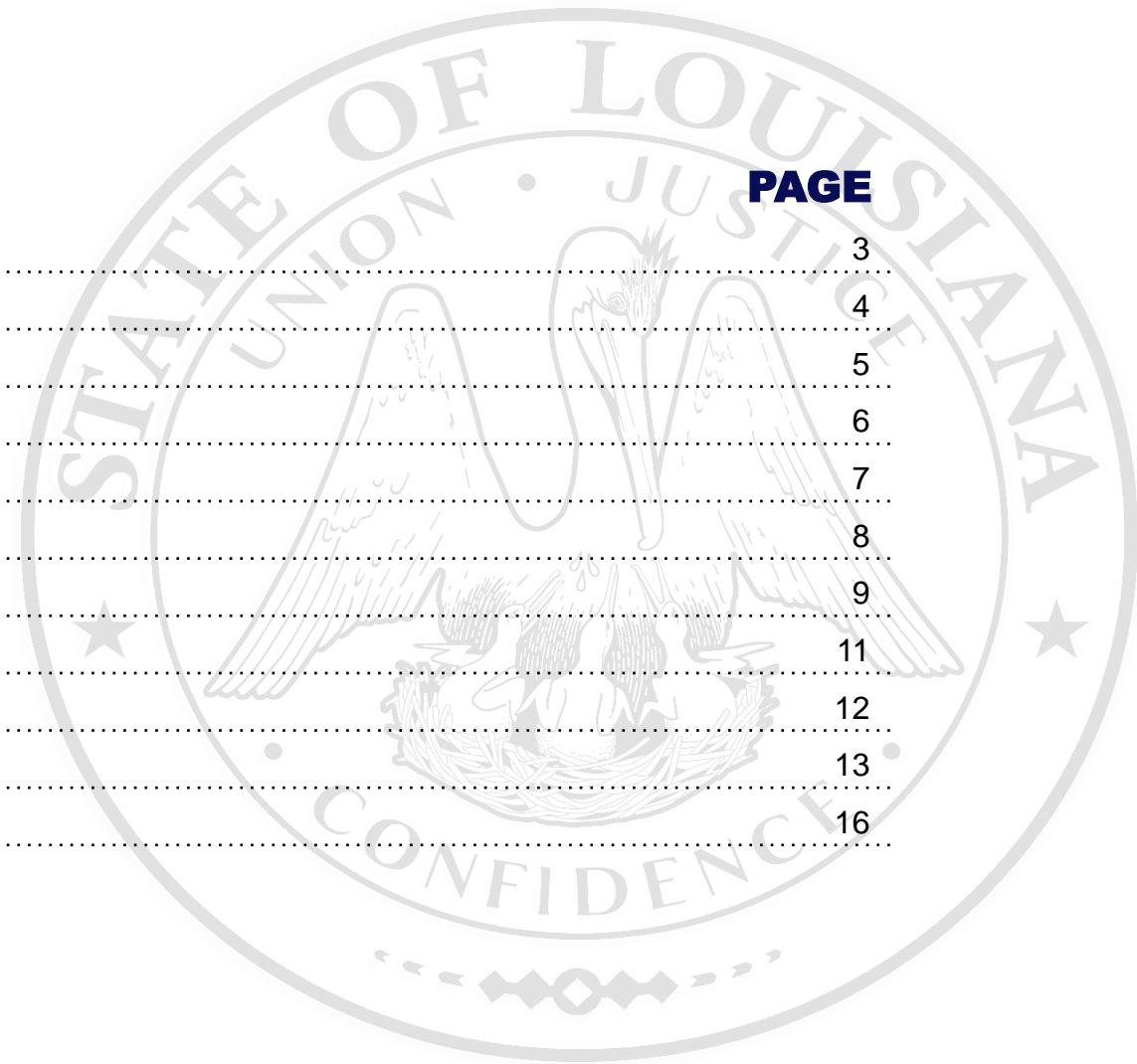
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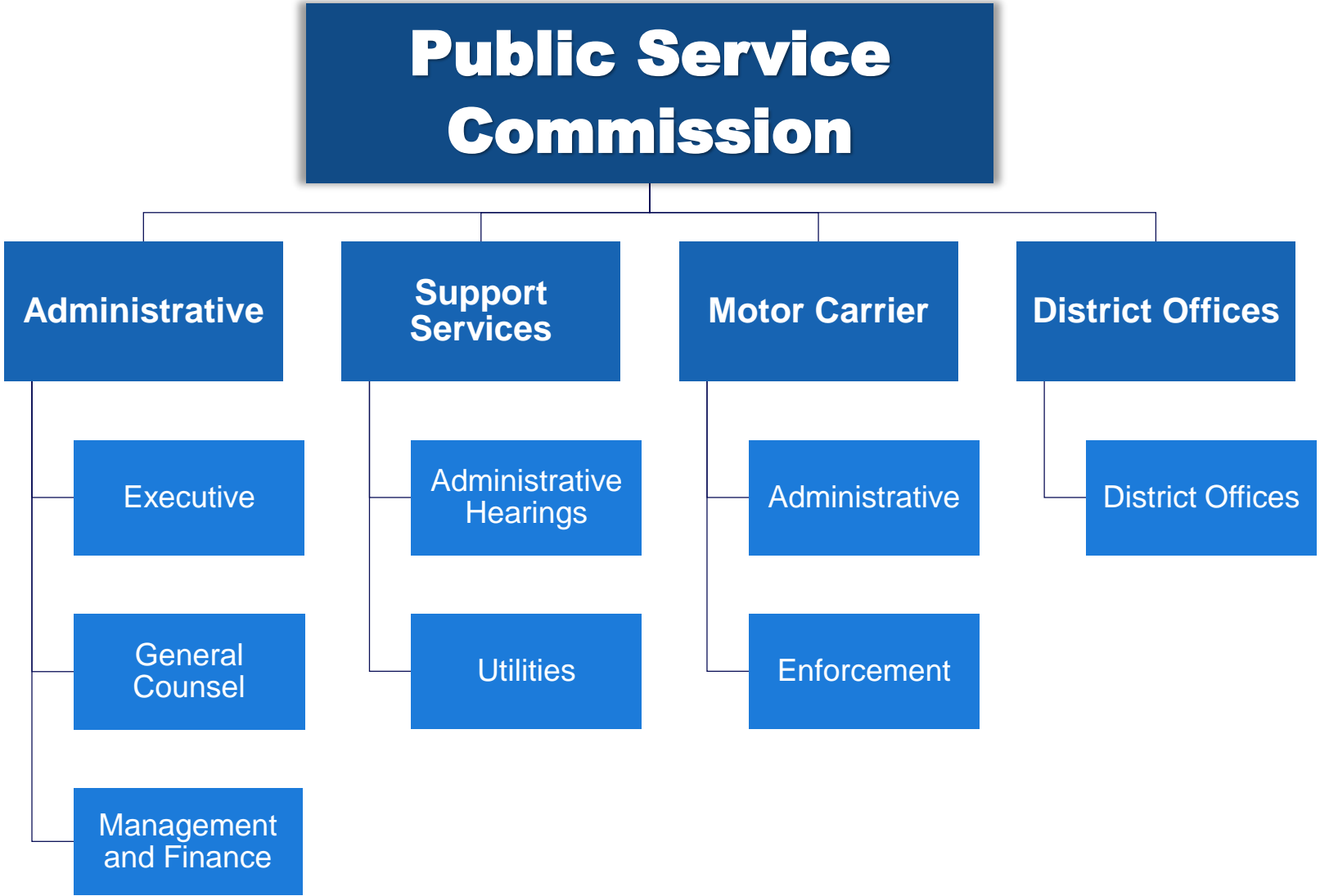
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DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



Note: Further detail on department programs, functions, and services are under the General Department Information section.

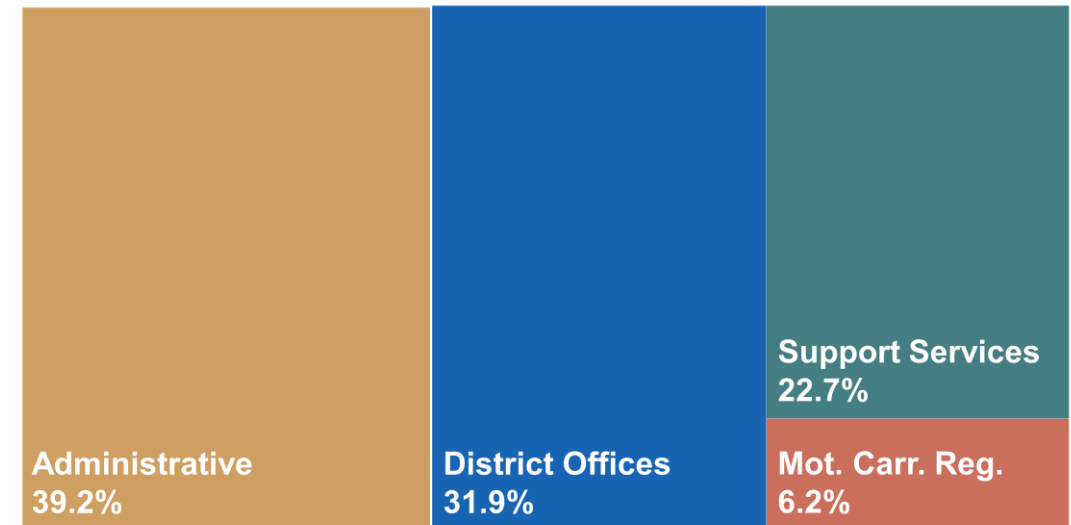
FY 26 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Total Funding = \$10,952,836

Means of Finance		
State General Fund	\$	0
Interagency Transfers		0
Fees & Self-generated		10,952,836
Statutory Dedications		0
Federal Funds		0
Total	\$	10,952,836



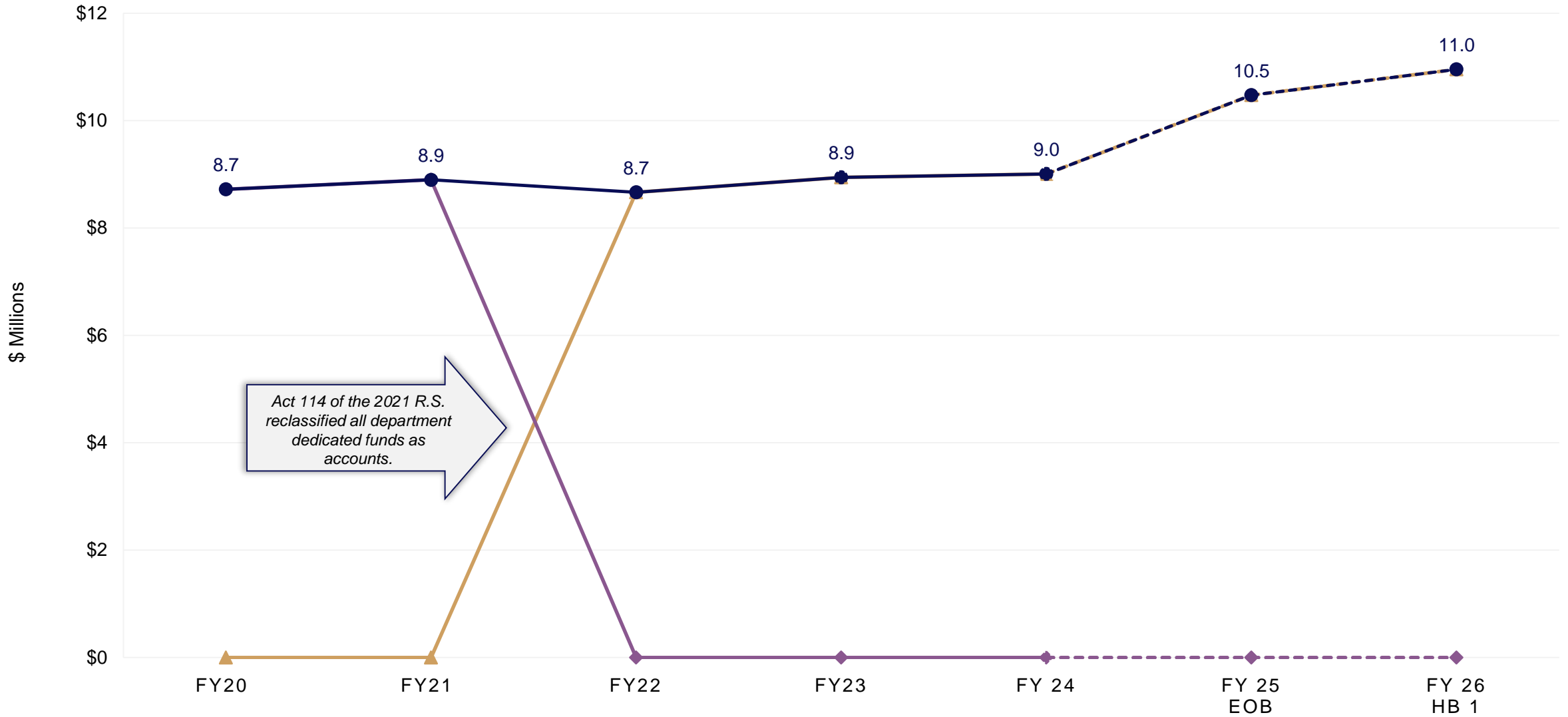
Program Funding & Authorized Positions			
		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Positions</i>
Administrative	\$	4,298,323	31
Support Services		2,487,903	21
Motor Carrier Registration		674,034	6
District Offices		3,492,576	37
Total	\$	10,952,836	95



HISTORICAL SPENDING

Annual Average Spending Change from FY 20 to 24:

Fees & Self-generated	Statutory Dedications	Total Budget
0.8%	(100%)	0.8%



Act 114 of the 2021 R.S. reclassified all department dedicated funds as accounts.

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			
\$10.9 M			
Account Name	Amount	Source	Usage
Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund Account	\$10,524,835	(R.S. 45:1177) - 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	(R.S. 45:169.1) - 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	\$200,511	(R.S. 45:844.14) - 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 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 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	9,006,803	10,473,235	10,952,836	479,601	4.6%	1,946,033	21.6%
Stat Ded	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Federal	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	\$ 9,006,803	\$ 10,473,235	\$ 10,952,836	\$ 479,601	4.6%	\$ 1,946,033	21.6%

Significant funding changes compared to the FY 25 Existing Operating Budget

Fees & Self-generated

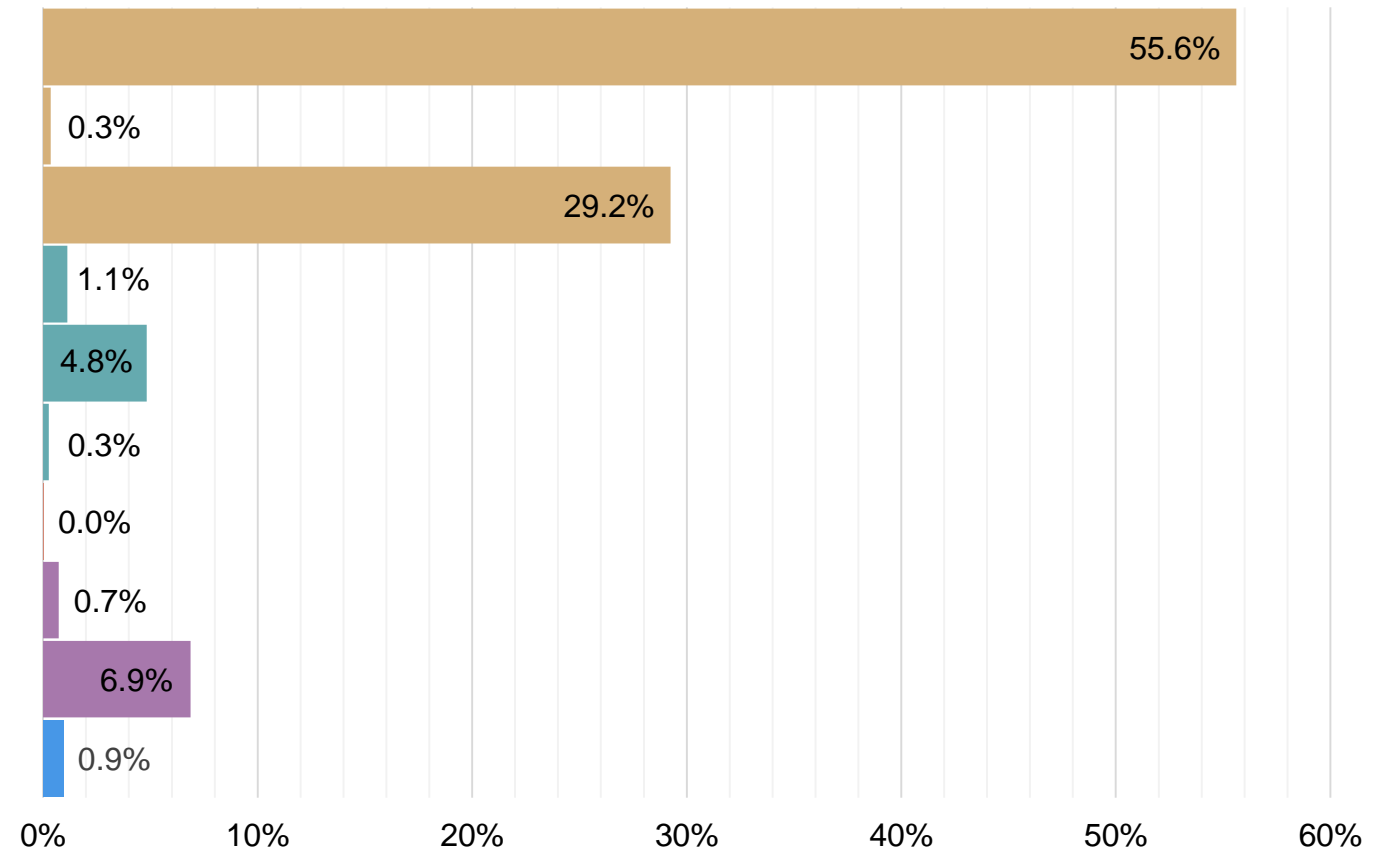
\$479,601 increase due to:

- \$478,836 increase in the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account
- \$765 increase in the Telephonic Solicitation Relief Dedicated Fund Account

FY 26 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION

Total Budget = \$10,952,836

Expenditure Category		
Salaries	\$	6,090,916
Other Compensation		38,000
Related Benefits		3,202,532
Travel		123,868
Operating Services		528,439
Supplies		28,539
Professional Services		5,000
Other Charges		80,300
Interagency Transfers		753,359
Acquisitions/Repairs		101,883
Total	\$	10,952,836



EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

Expenditure Category	FY 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	\$ 4,857,692	\$ 5,774,146	\$ 6,090,916	\$ 316,770	5.5%	\$ 1,233,224	25.4%
Other Compensation	7,105	38,000	38,000	0	0.0%	30,895	434.8%
Related Benefits	2,756,977	3,119,397	3,202,532	83,135	2.7%	445,555	16.2%
Travel	82,288	90,868	123,868	33,000	36.3%	41,580	50.5%
Operating Services	423,979	481,098	528,439	47,341	9.8%	104,460	24.6%
Supplies	27,540	28,539	28,539	0	0.0%	999	3.6%
Professional Services	749	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	4,251	567.6%
Other Charges	48,308	80,300	80,300	0	0.0%	31,992	66.2%
Interagency Transfers	716,604	756,525	753,359	(3,166)	(0.4%)	36,755	5.1%
Acquisitions/Repairs	85,560	99,362	101,883	2,521	2.5%	16,323	19.1%
Total	\$ 9,006,802	\$ 10,473,235	\$ 10,952,836	\$ 479,601	4.6%	\$ 1,946,034	21.6%

SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE CHANGES

Compared to the FY 25 Existing Operating Budget

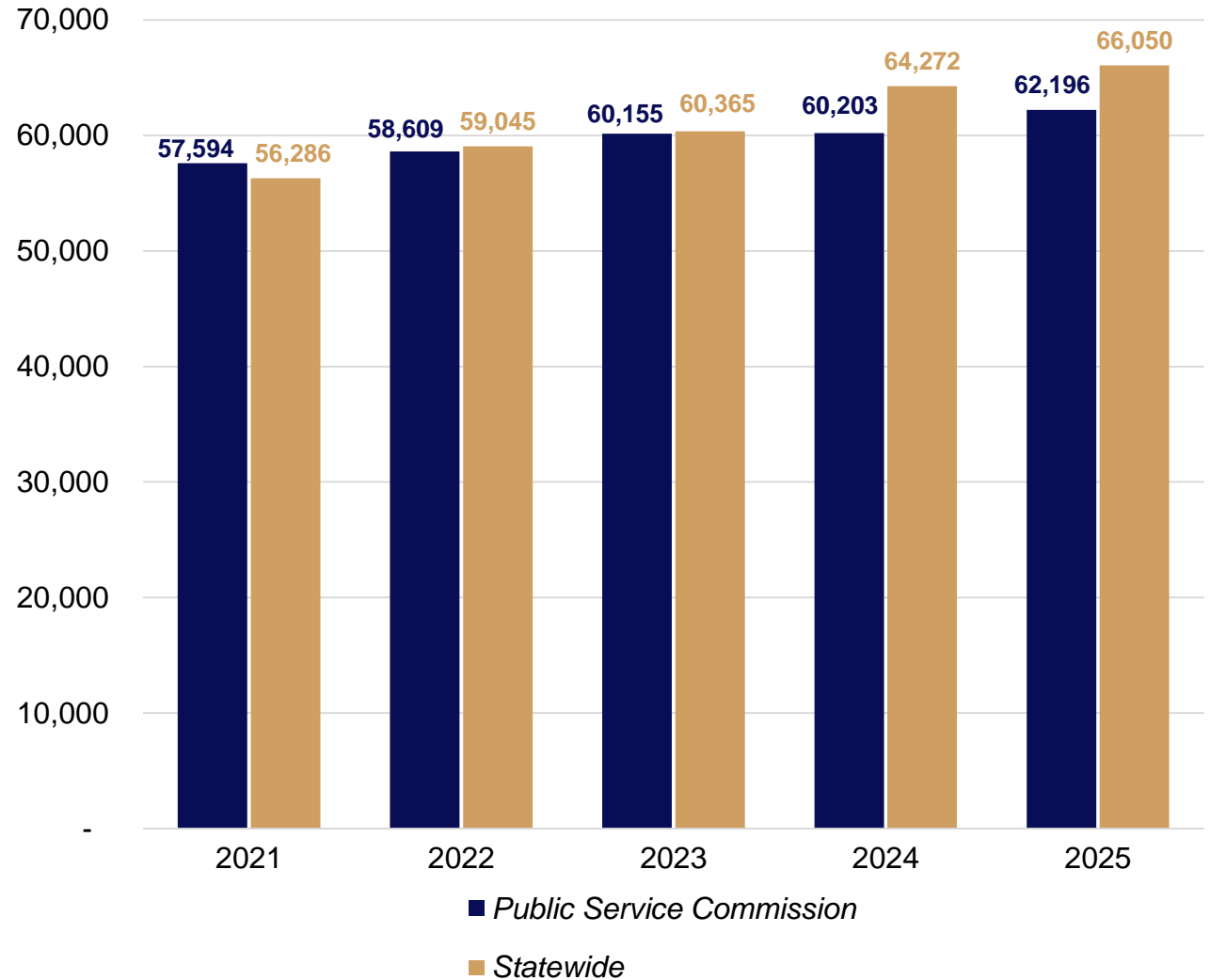
Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Acquisitions/Repairs
<p>\$399,905 net increase due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$316,770 increase for various standard statewide adjustments to salaries including changes to items such as market rates and attrition• \$83,135 increase for various standard statewide adjustments to related benefits including changes to items such as retirement and group insurance rates	<p>\$80,341 increase due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$47,341 increase to provide for various adjustments to operating service costs including annual increases in regulatory membership dues, software maintenance, rent increases, and office relocations• \$33,000 increase in travel costs for attorneys, auditors, and commissioners to attend federal proceedings, conventions, meetings, and trainings out of state	<p>\$2,521 net increase due to items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$101,883 to provide for items needed in FY 26 such as vehicle replacements, computer equipment, software updates, etc.• (\$99,362) to remove funding for acquisition purchases and major repairs funded in FY 25 that are no longer needed in FY 26

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

FY 2026 Recommended Positions

95	Total Authorized T.O. Positions (77 Classified, 18 Unclassified)
0	Authorized Other Charges Positions
1	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
16	Vacant Positions (December 30, 2024)

Historical Average Salary



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General Department Information

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:

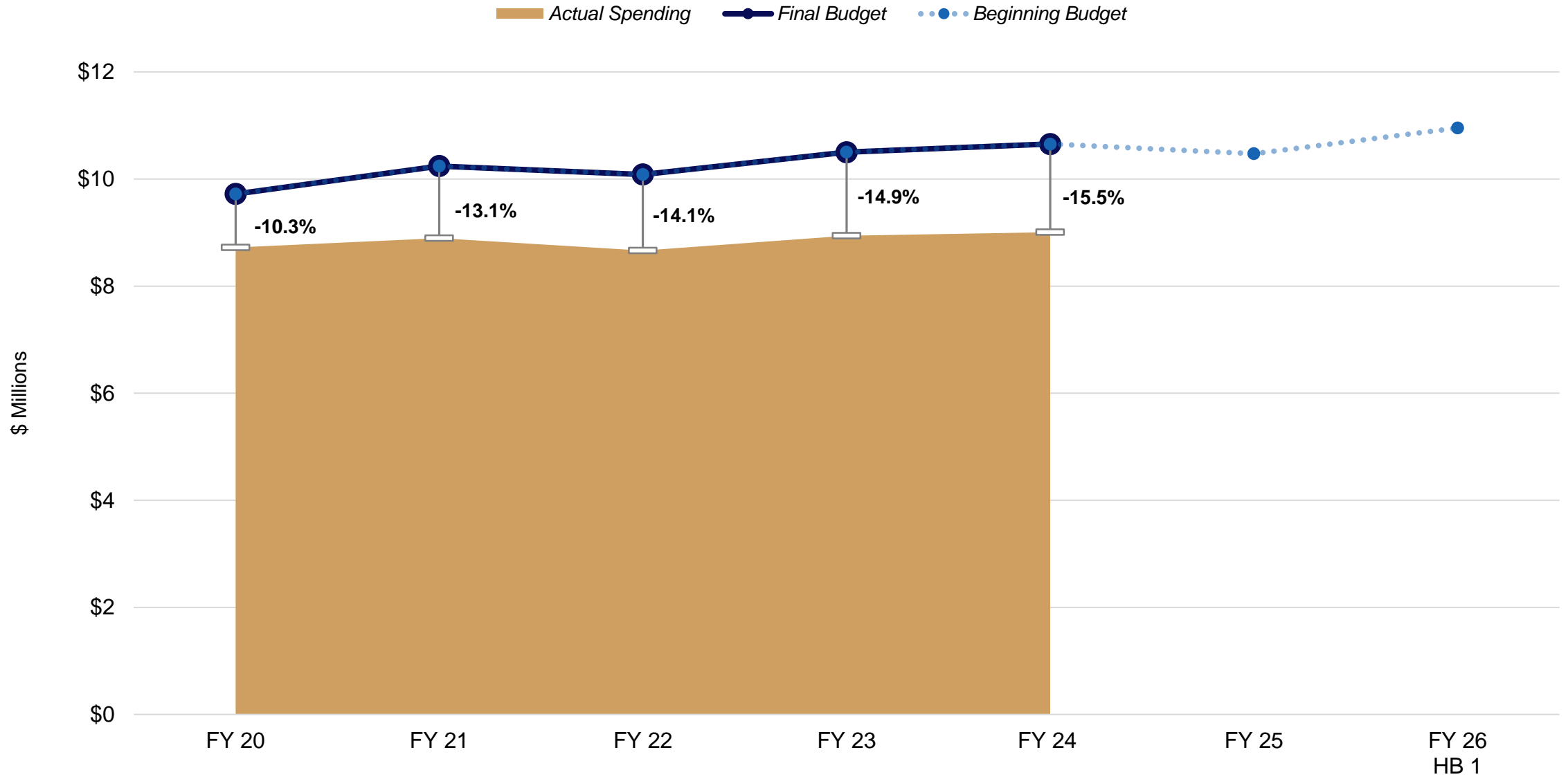
- District 1 – Eric Skrmetta
- District 2 – Jean-Paul P. Coussan
- District 3 – Davante Lewis
- District 4 – Mike Francis
- District 5 – Foster L. Campbell



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General Budgetary Information

HISTORICAL BUDGET



FY 25 EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET

The FY 2024-25 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2024. 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	10,473,235	0	10,473,235
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0
Federal	0	0	0
Total	\$ 10,473,235	\$ 0	\$ 10,473,235

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

OTHER CHARGES / INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

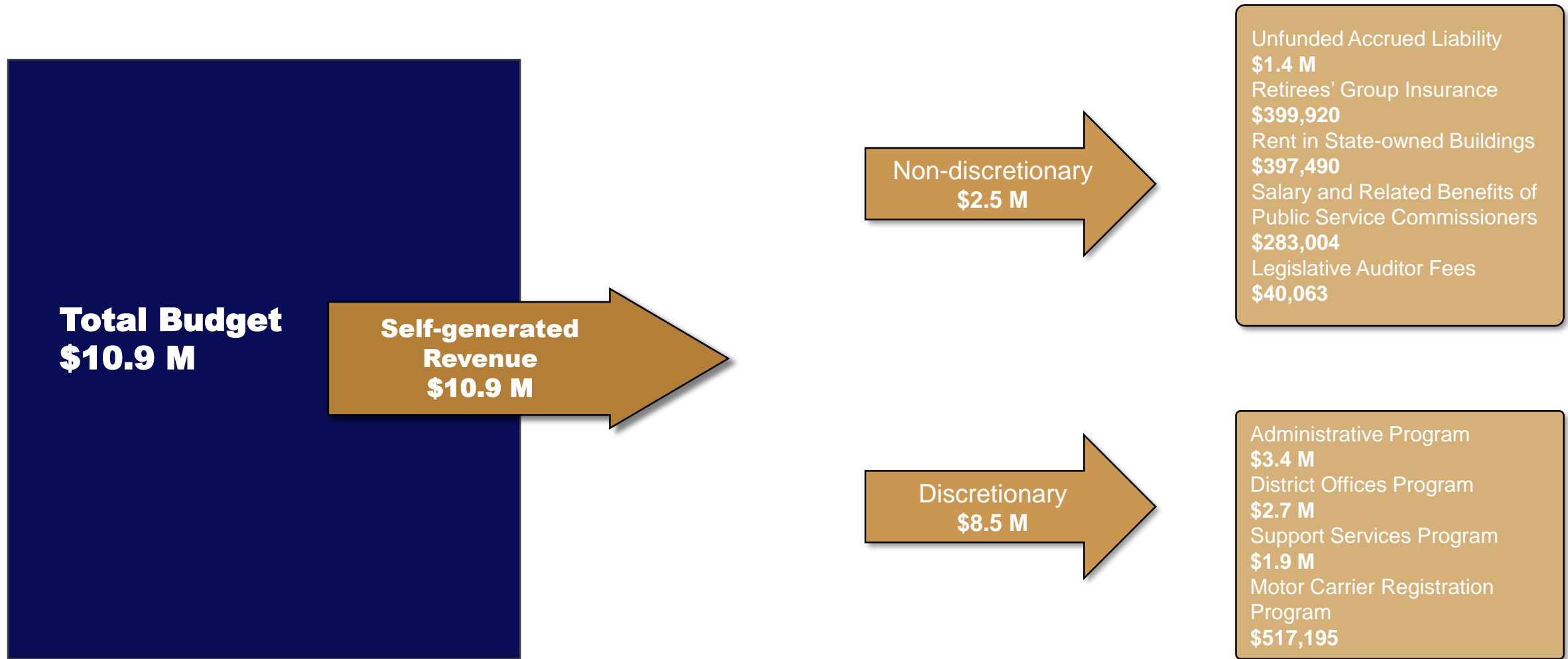
Other Charges

Amount	Description
\$ 33,000	Case management system enhancements
18,200	Commission meeting broadcasts for the general public
14,350	Power outage mapping contract & enhancements
11,700	Do not call list maintenance and enforcement
3,050	Shredding services and IT system maintenance
\$ 80,300	Total Other Charges

Interagency Transfers

Amount	Description
\$ 397,490	Rent in State-owned Buildings
183,672	Office of Technology Services - telephone, data, postage, mail, and e-mail services
44,004	Risk Management
44,792	Capitol Park Security
41,345	Legislative Auditor Fees
26,731	Civil Service
10,900	DEQ - East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for security cost allocation
3,874	Uniform Payroll System
551	Office of State Procurement
\$ 753,359	Total Interagency Transfers

DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES



* Figures may not add precisely due to rounding *