

2026 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources

TO: HB 263 / HB 265

OFFERED BY: Representative Prax

FISCAL YEAR: 2027

DEPARTMENT: Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support Services
ALLOCATION: Information Resource Management

ADD:

DELETE: \$245,700.00, 1004 UGF
\$19,200.00, 1007 I/A Receipts

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: This budget item is described as the implementation of an information technology classification study. However, that study has not yet been completed, and it has not been made available for review. I cannot support implementing the results of a study that has not been finalized or shared with the legislature.

In fact, it is premature to even characterize this as “implementation.” You cannot implement a study that is still underway. Before allocating funds tied to its outcomes, we should first see the completed work, evaluate its findings, and determine whether its recommendations are appropriate and fiscally responsible.

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DEPARTMENT: Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support Services
ALLOCATION: Recorder's Office/Uniform Commercial Code

ADD:

DELETE: \$46,100.00, 1005 GF/Program

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: BA Sheet item #3. This budget item is described as the implementation of an information technology classification study. However, that study has not yet been completed, and it has not been made available for review. I cannot support implementing the results of a study that has not been finalized or shared with the legislature.

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DEPARTMENT: Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Oil & Gas

ALLOCATION: Oil & Gas

ADD:

DELETE: \$49,800.00, 1004 UGF
\$32,800.00, 1105 PF Gross
\$1,400.00, 1108 Stat Desig

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: BA Sheet item #8. This budget item is described as the implementation of an information technology classification study. However, that study has not yet been completed, and it has not been made available for review. I cannot support implementing the results of a study that has not been finalized or shared with the legislature.

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DEPARTMENT: Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources

ALLOCATION: Mining, Land & Water

ADD:

DELETE: \$46,100.00, 1004 UGF
\$3,700.00, 1007 I/A Rcpt

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: BA Sheet item #9. This budget item is described as the implementation of an information technology classification study. However, that study has not yet been completed, and it has not been made available for review. I cannot support implementing the results of a study that has not been finalized or shared with the legislature.

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DEPARTMENT: Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
ALLOCATION: Geological & Geophysical Surveys

ADD:

DELETE: \$56,500.00, 1002 Fed Rcpt
\$46,400.00, 1004 UGF
\$18,800.00, 1005 GF/Prgm
\$5,300.00, 1007 I/A Rcpts
\$18,800.00, 1061 CIP Rcpts
\$4,200.00, 1108 Stat Desig

POSITIONS:

EXPLANATION: BA Sheet item #17. This budget item is described as the implementation of an information technology classification study. However, that study has not yet been completed, and it has not been made available for review. I cannot support implementing the results of a study that has not been finalized or shared with the legislature.

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