

**Senate Finance Department of Environmental
Conservation Subcommittee**

Subcommittee Members:

**Senator Merrick, Chair
Senator Giessel
Senator Claman
Senator Hughes**

**Narrative Closeout Report
April 15, 2025**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation submits the following FY26 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Group: (dollars are in thousands)	Senate Sub
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$23,172.8
Designated General Funds	\$23,922.1
Other Funds	\$24,640.9
Federal Funds	\$42,913.0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$114,648.8

Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	557
Permanent Part Time	0
Temporary	9
TOTAL POSITIONS	566

BUDGET ACTIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation reviewed the FY26 budget request. The following are highlights of the Subcommittee's action:

The Subcommittee accepted all of the Governor's proposals, excluding:

- \$45.0 UGF for the Environmental Health Lab building maintenance cost increase.
- \$40.0 UGF for shellfish testing supplies cost increase.
- \$1,450.1 UGF for Clean Water Act Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Program.

ATTACHED REPORTS

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Legislature adopts the following attached reports:

1. Operating Budget Action Report
2. Wordage Report

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Merrick