

SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- DEPARTMENTWIDE

Information Technology Projects
[LFB Paper #555]

Motion:

Move to adopt the following:

1. Approve Alternative 1. In addition, transfer the \$2,200,000 PR provided under Alternative 1 in each of 2017-18 and 2018-19 from DSPS to the Joint Committee on Finance program revenue supplemental appropriation under s. 20.865 (4)(g). The funds could be released by the Committee under the current law provision that would allow DSPS to submit a request for the funds under s. 13.10.
2. Approve Alternative 5, which would delete \$248,000 PR annually with 4.0 PR vacant positions in the Division of Industry Services safety and buildings general operations appropriation.
3. Delete an additional \$295,000 PR annually with 5.0 PR vacant positions in the Division of Industry Services safety and buildings general operations appropriation.
4. Provide \$25,000 PR in 2017-18 and \$12,500 PR in 2018-19, on a one-time basis, for the Division of Industry Services safety and buildings general operations appropriation. Include language in the one- and two-family dwelling sections of Chapter 101 of the statutes to direct DSPS to develop and maintain computer software available to the public that provides the information, tools, and calculations required for a person to determine whether plans for the construction of, addition to, or alteration of a dwelling comply with the energy efficiency requirements of the uniform dwelling code promulgated by DSPS.

Note:

The motion would delete \$2,200,000 PR in each year of the biennium for DSPS budget authority and transfer it to the Committee's PR supplemental appropriation. Under s. 20.865 (4)(g), there is a program revenue supplemental appropriation for the Joint Committee on Finance. Funds placed in the appropriation by the Committee can only be released to an agency after the agency

submits a request to the Committee under s. 13.10, and the Committee approves release of the funds to the agency. Under the motion, DSPS could submit a request to the Committee to release the funds. The Committee would have to hold a meeting under s. 13.10.

The motion would delete \$248,000 PR annually with 4.0 PR vacant positions that DSPS does not plan to fill. It would also delete \$295,000 PR annually with 5.0 PR vacant positions that DSPS has indicated it will analyze business needs to determine whether to fill.

The motion would provide \$25,000 PR in 2017-18 and \$12,500 PR in 2018-19, on a one-time basis, for an energy code software development project.

Most of the general operations of the DSPS Division of Industry Services are funded from a program revenue appropriation. Most of the revenues are received from several categories of plan review and inspections for several types of building construction and components. Examples are commercial building plan review and inspection, plumbing licenses and plan review, boiler inspections, elevator inspections, private sewage system plan reviews and septic permits, one- and two-family dwelling building permits, electrical program fees, and other smaller fees. Under the bill, it is estimated the appropriation will have a June 30, 2019, account balance of \$6.95 million.

The Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) for one- and two-family dwellings includes energy efficiency requirements for dwellings. The Code allows a person to demonstrate a dwelling's compliance by using simulations to estimate the dwelling's energy use. The motion would provide funding intended to support a requirement that DSPS develop and maintain a simulation program to calculate a dwelling's compliance with current state energy conservation requirements. A current federal simulation program is based on energy conservation standards not put in effect in Wisconsin, which makes the system inapplicable to Wisconsin's UDC.

[Change to Base: \$3,351,500 PR (\$1,682,000 PR in 2017-18 and \$1,669,500 PR in 2018-19 with – 9.0 PR positions]

[Change to Bill: -\$1,048,500 PR (-\$518,000 PR in 2017-18 and -\$530,500 PR in 2018-19 with – 9.0 PR positions]