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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT
CLOSING REPORT

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS PROGRAM
MAY 5, 2003

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED THE TWO BUDGET ACCOUNTS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS PROGRAM.

FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS ACCOUNT, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERED SEVERAL ITEMS THAT WERE RECOMMENDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET.

INCLUDED IN THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS A NEW UNCLASSIFIED FINANCIAL ANALYST POSITION TO ASSIST THE PROGRAM WITH ANALYSIS OF TRENDS AND UTILIZATION, AS WELL AS EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED PLAN DESIGN CHANGES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE ADDITION OF THIS POSITION AND ALSO CONCURRED WITH THE RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENT OF FIVE TEMPORARY CLERICAL STAFF WITH PERMANENT POSITIONS IN THE OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTIONS OF THE PROGRAM. ALL OF THESE NEW POSITIONS ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE FUNDED WITH A REDUCTION IN THE COST OF SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED THROUGH CONTRACTS. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE RECOMMENDED INCREASE IN NON-STATE OWNED BUILDING RENT TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR THESE NEW POSITIONS.