

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Department of Justice
Extraordinary Attorney Compensation Costs Report**

On February 14th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Justice on Extraordinary Attorney Compensation Costs.

DOJ was to submit a report if compensation adjustments for DOJ's attorneys exceeds the standard compensation adjustment for management service employees. With the conclusion collective bargaining, extraordinary increases above the management services adjustments have triggered the reporting requirement. The additional attorney compensation costs include a 1.6% cost-of-living-adjustment and a one-time lumpsum payment of \$2,120.69. The estimated cost for the current biennium is \$739,404 and \$408,786 for the 2019-21 biennium. DOJ's plan is to hold several attorney positions vacant, if these extraordinary costs are not appropriated, or limitation provided as part of the budget process.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.