

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Public Defense Services Commission Financial Update**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Gorsek

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On February 23rd, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Public Defense Services Commission on a financial update.

PDSC's report includes information related to a variety of 2021-23 budget execution issues.

According to the agency's current caseload and financial projections, the agency will only need \$76 million of the \$100 million special purpose appropriation holdback.

PDSC is projecting a potential \$50 million General Fund budget shortfall in the non-routine expenses, which is used to pay for a variety of non-attorney expenses. The agency is also projecting an pOther Funds revenue shortfall in the Application Contribution Program beginning in April of 2022.

PDSC may need to rebalance funding between divisions and fund-types as well as request technical adjustments to the agency's budget. The agency will also need to address unbudgeted actions.

PDSC's current plan is to make a request of the Emergency Board in the spring of 2022 to begin to resolve these issues.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.