

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 11: Public Defense Commission Information Technology**

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To: Emergency Board  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Sollman

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The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$286,301 General Fund from the special purpose appropriation made to the Emergency Board for the transition of the Public Defense Commission to the executive branch of government and authorize the establishment of two permanent full-time positions and 1.00 FTE for information technology support.

Legislation approved in the 2023 session directed the transition of the Public Defense Commission from the judicial branch to the executive branch with an operative date of January 1, 2025, and removed the agency's statutory exemption from state information technology law. General Fund support of over \$5.5 million was approved for the transition, of which there remains a special purpose appropriation balance of \$3.8 million for such costs.

The recommended position increases include one Information Technology Specialist 2 for desktop support and one Information Technology Specialist 1 for a triage specialist to support incoming service calls. This will bring the Commission's total information technology staff to 10 permanent full-time positions. The 2025-27 biennial cost is estimated to be \$512,00 General Fund and two positions.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.