

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 10: Public Defense Commission Reorganization

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

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board authorize the establishment of three permanent positions (0.99 FTE) and approve the downward reclassification of four permanent positions in the Public Defense Commission, Administrative Services Division, for procurement and contract administration staffing.

The Public Defense Commission requested a series of organizational changes to their legislatively approved budget, including establishment of new sections, transfer of positions and budgetary authority, reclassification and abolishment of existing positions, and establishment of new positions. Due to legal and procedural concerns with aspects of the request, only the portion of the request related to the agency's procurement staffing, which requires more urgent consideration, is recommended.

The Commission has been operating without procurement and contracting specialists. Instead, contract administrators have been responsible for supporting contractors and contract administration. Reclassifying existing positions to create dedicated procurement analysts and establishing new positions responsible for contract administration will eliminate the conflict of interest between procurement and program administration. The agency has sufficient budgetary authority to fund the additional procurement positions through the remainder of the biennium.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.