

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5014

Department of Justice

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

HB 5014 is the budget bill for the Department of Justice. The department is responsible for the legal counsel and supervision of legal actions in which the state is a party or has an interest. DOJ is also responsible for child support enforcement, crime victims' compensation, consumer protections, regulation of charitable organizations, and supporting the law enforcement community.

The budget is \$966.6 million total funds, including \$198 million General Fund, \$546.2 million Other Funds, and \$22.6 million Federal Funds. The budget includes 1,604 positions. The total funds budget is an increase of 8.5% from the current service level.

Budget investments include information technology costs, administrative support resources, wildfire and antitrust litigation support, criminal justice grant support, victim services and child advocacy support, in-house litigation staffing, and Medicaid fraud resources.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5014 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.