

HB 3243 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Department of Consumer and Business Services
2025-27**

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Budget Summary*

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 502,113	\$ 502,113	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 502,113	\$ 502,113	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	2	2
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	1.76	1.76

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2025

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

HB 3243 provides \$502,113 Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to establish two permanent full-time positions to implement the measure.

Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action

HB 3243 prohibits ambulance providers from charging enrollees if they have already paid the in-network cost-sharing amount specified in their health benefit plan. Health benefit plans are required to reimburse ground ambulance service organizations at the established local rate, or if unavailable, at a minimum of 325% of the Medicare rate. The bill requires ground ambulance service organizations to submit a catalog of their local rates annually, and within five days of any rate change to DCBS. The Department must develop and maintain a publicly accessible database of these rates.

The bill grants DCBS the authority to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for violations of related rules. By September 15, 2026, DCBS must submit a report to the Legislature that includes all consumer complaints related to billing services for ground ambulances before and after implementation of the bill, the number of contracts ground ambulance service organizations and health benefit plans entered after January 1, 2026, and any effect the bill had on health benefit plan premium rates after January 1, 2026.

The Subcommittee recommended \$502,113 Other Funds expenditure limitation to establish two permanent full-time positions (0.88 FTE, each). These positions include one Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to develop and maintain the new public database, collect information on local rates for ground ambulances, and track metrics and one Program Analyst 2 to process inquiries and complaints, develop outreach and educational materials, and engage with stakeholders.

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DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS</u>									
SCR 018-00 Division of Financial Regulation									
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 440,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	440,751	2	1.76
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	61,362		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 502,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	502,113	2	1.76
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 502,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	502,113	2	1.76

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

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