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The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen, Chair

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Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Your Subcommittee has reviewed the provisions of Senate Bill 800 for those portions of the budget that fall under the Subcommittee on General Government. The areas contained within General Government cross six secretariats, more than 40 agencies, and dozens of commissions and boards.

Above all, the Subcommittee has focused on recognizing the value of the Commonwealth's public workforce. To that end, I would briefly like to highlight a few key recommendations of the Subcommittee, particularly within the areas of the Judicial Department, Administration, and Central Appropriations.

In recognition of the employees who serve the Commonwealth, the Subcommittee recommends \$107.0 million to ensure that our state employees, state-supported local employees, full-time and adjunct faculty, and our graduate teaching assistants can count on a 7.0 percent pay increase next year. In addition, our state employees will also be receiving a \$1,000 bonus on December 1, 2023.

Under the Judicial Department, we include \$8.4 million to ensure that all substitute and retired and recalled judges, district court clerks, and citizens fulfilling their civic duty as jurors are compensated for their time.

Likewise, under the Administration secretariat, we provide \$12.3 million to better support our local Commissioners of the Revenue, Treasurers, Commonwealth's attorneys, circuit court clerks, and regional jail

officers. With an additional \$8.8 million, the Subcommittee recommends increasing support to local jails by raising the per diem from \$4 to \$6.

Finally, to ensure that we as a Commonwealth continue to meet our responsibilities to our retired public servants, the Subcommittee proposes a contingency amount of \$250.0 million to make an additional payment toward our unfunded liabilities under the Virginia Retirement System.

With that, I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt our amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Honorable J. Chapman Petersen, Chairman

The Honorable Stephen D. Newman, Vice-Chair

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas

The Honorable Jill H. Vogel

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke

The Honorable Adam P. Ebbin

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Line	Budget Item	SB 800		
		GF FY 2023	GF FY 2024	GF Biennium
1	Legislative Department			
2				
3	General Assembly			
4	Extend Joint Subcommittee to Examine Pandemic Response			<i>Language</i>
5	Senate Operations, Inflation, and Workload Adjustments	\$ -	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
6				
7	Auditor of Public Accounts			
8	Audit Criteria Language - Opioid Abatement Authority/Funds			<i>Language</i>
9				
10	Division of Legislative Services			
11	Chesapeake Bay Grant Funds (NGF - \$327,152)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12	Move Housing Commission from DLS	\$ -	\$ (423,874)	\$ (423,874)
13	Add Position for the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council	\$ -	\$ 107,203	\$ 107,203
14	Move Utility Regulation Commission from DLS	\$ -	\$ (10,011)	\$ (10,011)
15				
16	Division of Legislative Automated Systems			
17	Integration of e-Filing and Bill Drafting Systems with LIS	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
18				
19	Virginia State Crime Commission			
20	Staff Compensation and Professional Development Plan	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
21				
22	Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission			
23	Remove Oversight of Cardinal			<i>Language</i>
24				
25	Virginia Housing Commission			
26	Reestablish Housing Commission as Independent Agency	\$ -	\$ 423,874	\$ 423,874
27				
28	Commission on Utility Regulation			
29	Reinstate the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (SB 1116)	\$ -	\$ 671,028	\$ 671,028
30				
31	American Revolution 250 Commission			
32	Transfer from Education	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000,000
33				
34	Total - Legislative Department	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 1,568,220	\$ 10,068,220

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35				
36	Judicial Department			
37				
38	Supreme Court			
39	Substitute Judge Per Diem (\$400)	\$ -	\$ 1,009,326	\$ 1,009,326
40	Collection of Court Fines (SB 1159)	\$ -	\$ 296,400	\$ 296,400
41	Circuit Court Clerk Staffing and Workforce Study			<i>Language</i>
42				
43	Circuit Courts			
44	Increase Daily Juror Compensation from \$30 to \$100 (SB 789)	\$ -	\$ 5,340,201	\$ 5,340,201
45				
46	General District Courts			
47	Add Judge, 22 nd Judicial District (SB 816)	\$ -	\$ 290,149	\$ 290,149
48	Two Percent Salary Increase for District Court Clerks	\$ -	\$ 2,048,081	\$ 2,048,081
49				
50	Total - Judicial Department	\$ -	\$ 8,984,157	\$ 8,984,157
51				
52	Executive Offices			
53				
54	Office of the Governor			
55	Parents Advocacy Commission Work Group (SB 1443)	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000
56	Social Work Advisory Board (SB 1503)	\$ -	\$ 106,600	\$ 106,600
57	Increase Court-Appointed Counsel Fees for Child Dependency Cases (SJ 241)			<i>Language</i>
58				
59	Office of the Lieutenant Governor			
60	Remove Contract Support	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
61	Maintain Current Staffing Levels	\$ -	\$ (229,570)	\$ (229,570)
62				
63	Attorney General's Office			
64	Move New Witness Protection Program to DCJS	\$ -	\$ (2,500,000)	\$ (2,500,000)
65	Remove Cannabis Consumer Protection Enforcement Investigators	\$ -	\$ (513,374)	\$ (513,374)
66	Remove Additional Ratepayer Advocacy Positions	\$ -	\$ (253,902)	\$ (253,902)
67	Remove Funding for Staff to Address Increase In Appeals Cases	\$ -	\$ (2,600,000)	\$ (2,600,000)
68	Remove Funding for Virginia Beach OAG office	\$ -	\$ (250,000)	\$ (250,000)
69				
70	Secretary of the Commonwealth			
71	Tribal Nations Ombudsman	\$ -	\$ 160,250	\$ 160,250
72				
73	Total - Executive Offices	\$ 35,000	\$ (6,579,996)	\$ (6,544,996)

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74				
75	<u>Office of Administration</u>			
76				
77	Compensation Board			
78	Move Pilot Program for Court-Ordered Transportation to DBHDS	\$	- \$ (4,074,631)	\$ (4,074,631)
79	Increase Local Jail Per Diem from \$4 to \$6	\$	- \$ 8,820,112	\$ 8,820,112
80	Restore Unfunded Commissioner of the Revenue Positions	\$	- \$ 1,707,386	\$ 1,707,386
81	Salary Increase for Circuit Court Clerks	\$	- \$ 1,073,264	\$ 1,073,264
82	Salary Increase for Commonwealth's Attorneys	\$	- \$ 4,633,412	\$ 4,633,412
83	Restore Unfunded Treasurer Positions	\$	- \$ 3,645,461	\$ 3,645,461
84	Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Position	\$	- \$ 1,882,746	\$ 1,882,746
85	Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Overhead Cost Recovery	\$	- \$ (641,378)	\$ (641,378)
86	Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Position Table			<i>Language</i>
87	Study Population-Based Pay Scale for Sheriffs			<i>Language</i>
88	Study Local Correctional Facility Fees (SB 889)			<i>Language</i>
89				
90	Department of General Services			
91	Maintain Current Capitol Square Master Site Plan	\$	- \$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
92				
93	Department of Human Resource Management			
94	Human Resources Shared Services Center			<i>Language</i>
95	Transfer Virginia Management Fellows Program	\$	- \$ (1,513,961)	\$ (1,513,961)
96				
97	Virginia Information Technologies Agency			
98	Delay Statewide Permit Evaluation Application	\$	- \$ (896,365)	\$ (896,365)
99	Maintain Internal Service Support for IT Services (NGF - \$3,039,298)	\$	- \$ -	\$ -
100	Support Central Portal Evaluation with Existing Funds	\$	- \$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
101				
102	Total - Office of Administration	\$	- \$ 13,636,046	\$ 13,636,046
103				
104	<u>Office of Finance</u>			
105				
106	Secretary of Finance			
107	Transfer Virginia Management Fellows Program	\$	- \$ 1,513,961	\$ 1,513,961
108				
109	Department of Planning and Budget			
110	Evaluate Options for Regulatory Town Hall			<i>Language</i>
111				
112	Department of Taxation			
113	Tax Compliance Positions	\$	- \$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000

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114	Fund Costs for Tax Administration (SB 1182 and SB 1476)	\$ -	\$ 1,250,030	\$ 1,250,030
115				
116	Department of the Treasury			
117	Claims - Michael Hass (SB 928)	\$ -	\$ 1,530,653	\$ 1,530,653
118				
119	Total - Office of Finance	\$ -	\$ 5,794,644	\$ 5,794,644
120				
121	Central Appropriations			
122				
123	Raise State and State-Supported Salary Increase to 7.0 Percent	\$ -	\$ 106,975,966	\$ 106,975,966
124	Repurpose Funds for Salary Increases	\$ -	\$ (100,000,000)	\$ (100,000,000)
125	Reduce One-Time Bonus from \$1,500 to \$1,000	\$ -	\$ (33,258,554)	\$ (33,258,554)
126	Adjust Transformation Funds	\$ -	\$ (10,000,000)	\$ (10,000,000)
127	Remove Funds to Reimburse for COIVD-19 Violations	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)
128	Remove Funding to Develop Plan for Washington Commanders	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ (500,000)
129	Reimbursement for Presential Primary Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,364,663	\$ 1,364,663
130	Interagency Workforce Alignment Review			<i>Language</i>
131	Language Access			<i>Language</i>
132				
133	Total - Central Appropriations	\$ -	\$ (36,417,925)	\$ (36,417,925)
134				
135	Independent Agencies			
136				
137	State Corporation Commission			
138	Hearing Aid Coverage for Minors (SB 1003)	\$ -	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000
139	Electronic Prior Authorization Work Group			<i>Language</i>
140				
141	Virginia Retirement System			
142	VRS Implementation Costs, Return to Work Changes (NGF - \$686,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
143	Authority to Charge LODA Joining Fee for Private Colleges (NGF - \$35,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
144				
145	Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission			
146	Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, Survivors' Mental Health Counseling			<i>Language</i>
147				
148	Total - Independent Agencies	\$ -	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000
149				

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150	<u>Part 3 - Miscellaneous</u>			
151				
152	Various language amendments			<i>Language</i>
153				
154	<u>Part 4 - General Provisions</u>			
155				
156	Various language amendments			<i>Language</i>
157				
158	Total - General Government	\$ 8,535,000	\$ (12,599,854)	\$ (4,064,854)