

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1024

Page 1, line 2, remove the first "and"

Page 1, line 4, after "fund" insert "and to provide for an exemption"

Page 1, replace lines 14 through 21 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$32,551,817	\$4,553,049	\$37,104,866
Operating expenses	10,771,898	6,475,528	17,247,426
Capital assets	1,247,172	(78,672)	1,168,500
Grants	<u>15,060,118</u>	<u>22,138,000</u>	<u>37,198,118</u>
Total all funds	\$59,631,005	\$33,087,905	\$92,718,910
Less estimated income	<u>46,969,930</u>	<u>29,966,956</u>	<u>76,936,886</u>
Total general fund	\$12,661,075	\$3,120,949	\$15,782,024
Full-time equivalent positions	166.00	7.00	173.00"

Page 1, line 22, after "FUNDING" insert "**- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**"

Page 2, line 19, replace "\$742,080" with "\$723,595"

Page 3, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - LABORATORY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The sum of \$1,000,000, appropriated from the general fund for the laboratory information management system in section 1 of chapter 52 of the 2021 Session Laws, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available for the laboratory information management system during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1024 - Department of Environmental Quality - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$32,551,817	\$36,933,657	\$171,209	\$37,104,866
Operating expenses	10,771,898	16,177,694	1,069,732	17,247,426
Capital assets	1,247,172	1,168,500		1,168,500
Grants	<u>15,060,118</u>	<u>36,838,118</u>	360,000	<u>37,198,118</u>
Total all funds	\$59,631,005	\$91,117,969	\$1,600,941	\$92,718,910
Less estimated income	<u>46,969,930</u>	<u>76,828,535</u>	108,351	<u>76,936,886</u>
General fund	\$12,661,075	\$14,289,434	\$1,492,590	\$15,782,024
FTE	166.00	171.00	2.00	173.00

Department 303 - Department of Environmental Quality - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases¹	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool²	Adds Funding for Health Insurance Increases for Vacant Positions³	Adds Salary Equity Funding to Reclassify Positions⁴	Adds 1 FTE Human Resource Director Position⁵	Adds 1 FTE Assistant Director Position⁶
Salaries and wages	\$587,965	(\$3,743,544)	\$121,026	\$2,000,000	\$255,456	\$349,706
Operating expenses					15,165	15,167
Capital assets						
Grants						
Total all funds	\$587,965	(\$3,743,544)	\$121,026	\$2,000,000	\$270,621	\$364,873
Less estimated income	412,219	(2,795,634)	78,694	0	175,903	237,169
General fund	\$175,746	(\$947,910)	\$42,332	\$2,000,000	\$94,718	\$127,704
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

	Adds Funding for Federal Climate Pollution Reduction Act Grant⁷	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$600,600	\$171,209
Operating expenses	1,039,400	1,069,732
Capital assets		
Grants	360,000	360,000
Total all funds	\$2,000,000	\$1,600,941
Less estimated income	2,000,000	108,351
General fund	\$0	\$1,492,590
FTE	0.00	2.00

¹ Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$180,905	\$424,571	\$605,476
Health insurance increase	(5,159)	(12,352)	(17,511)
Total	\$175,746	\$412,219	\$587,965

The House provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

² Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	(\$364,806)	(\$1,407,442)	(\$1,772,248)
Vacant FTE positions	(583,104)	(1,388,192)	(1,971,296)
Total	(\$947,910)	(\$2,795,634)	(\$3,743,544)

³ Funding is added for health insurance increases for vacant positions that was not included in the executive recommendation or the House version.

⁴ Equity funding is added to increase salaries and wages to reclassify chemist and environmental scientist positions. The funding is provided in addition to equity funding included in the salary equity pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget. The House did not include funding to reclassify positions.

⁵ Funding, including funding from federal and special funds, is added for 1 FTE human resource director position in the Office of the Director and related operating expenses.

⁶ Funding, including funding from federal and special funds, is added for 1 FTE assistant director in the Office of the Director and related operating expenses.

⁷ Federal funding is added for a Climate Pollution Reduction Act grant.

This amendment also adds an exemption to allow the department to continue unexpended one-time funding provided during the 2021-23 biennium for the laboratory information management system project.