

Senate Subcommittee Report

Agency: State Fire Marshal

Bill No. SB 514

Bill Sec. 98

Analyst: Riedel

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Expenditure Summary	Agency Request FY 2025	Governor Recommendation FY 2025	Senate Subcommittee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	9,050,980	9,050,980	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 9,050,980</u>	<u>\$ 9,300,980</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Capital Improvements:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 9,050,980</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,300,980</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
 FTE positions	 72.5	 73.5	 0.0

Agency Request

The **agency** requests \$9.1 million, all from special revenue funds, for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$729,889, or 8.8 percent, above the FY 2024 revised estimate. The increase is attributable to increased salaries and wages expenditures, primarily due to increased employer contributions for fringe benefits and the addition of 2.2 FTE positions. These positions primarily include an Assistant Attorney General for the State Fire Marshal, which was previously located in the Office of the Attorney General, and an Administrative Specialist in the Fire Prevention Division. The increase is also attributable to increased expenditures for specialized equipment, such as hazardous material detection equipment. The increase is offset by decreased expenditures for computer programming services in the Elevator Safety program and attorney fees previously paid to the Office of the Attorney General. The request includes 72.5 FTE positions, which is an increase of 2.2 FTE positions above the FY 2024 revised number. The position increases are mainly in the Administration and Fire Prevention divisions.

Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends \$9.3 million, including \$250,000 SGF, in expenditures for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$250,000, all SGF, above the agency's FY 2025 requested amount. The increase is due to the Governor adding \$100,000 SGF for 1.0 FTE position for a Childcare Inspection Specialist to provide outreach and \$150,000 SGF for a Volunteer Firefighter Workforce Study exploring trends and incentives among the firefighter service in Kansas. The

recommendation includes 73.5 FTE positions, which is an increase of 1.0 FTE position above the requested number. The position increase accounts for the Governor's addition of a Childcare Inspection Specialist position.

Senate Subcommittee Recommendation

The **Subcommittee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2025, with the following recommendations:

1. Recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means consider adding \$200,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, and 1.0 FTE Division Chief position for a newly-organized Industrial Safety Division for FY 2025. The agency plans to reorganize the Boiler and Elevator safety programs under a new Industrial Safety Division. This position would be a professional engineer overseeing these technical programs. Expenditures include salaries and wages and initial costs for equipment and a vehicle.
2. Recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means consider adding \$220,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, and 2.0 FTE Inspector positions to conduct fire safety inspections on facilities, such as childcare centers, for FY 2025. The agency indicates inspections of childcare centers is a growing need. Expenditures include salaries and wages and initial costs for equipment, and vehicles.
3. Recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means consider adding \$300,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, to replace radios with encrypted models in the Investigation and Emergency Response Divisions for FY 2025. New federal guidance requires the encryption of radio communication when transmitting criminal justice information. The agency notes its current radios are over 20-years old and cannot be upgraded to the new standard.

Senate Committee Recommendation

The **Committee** concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2025, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$200,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, and 1.0 FTE Division Chief position with equipment to oversee a newly-organized Industrial Safety Division, which includes the Boiler and Elevator safety programs, for FY 2025.
2. Add \$220,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, and 2.0 FTE Inspector positions with equipment to conduct fire safety inspections on facilities, such as childcare centers, for FY 2025.
3. Add \$300,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, to replace radios with encrypted models in the Investigation and Emergency Response divisions for FY 2025.

Senate Committee of the Whole Recommendation (Sub. for SB 514)

The **Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee's recommendation for FY 2025.

House Budget Committee Report

Agency: State Fire Marshal

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Bill Sec. 98

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Operating Expenditures:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ (250,000)
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	9,050,980	9,050,980	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 9,050,980</u>	<u>\$ 9,300,980</u>	<u>\$ (250,000)</u>
Capital Improvements:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,050,980</u>	<u>\$ 9,300,980</u>	<u>\$ (250,000)</u>
FTE positions	72.5	73.5	(2.0)

Agency Request

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Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends \$9.3 million, including \$250,000 SGF, in expenditures for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$250,000, all SGF, above the agency's FY 2025 requested amount. The increase is due to the Governor adding \$100,000 SGF for 1.0 FTE position for a Childcare Inspection Specialist to provide outreach and \$150,000 SGF for a Volunteer Firefighter Workforce Study exploring trends and incentives among the firefighter service in Kansas. Such a study was recommended by the Governor's Wildfire Task Force. The recommendation includes 73.5 FTE positions, which is an increase of 1.0 FTE position above the requested number. The position increase accounts for the Governor's addition of a Childcare Inspection Specialist position.

House Budget Committee Recommendation

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation for FY 2025, with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$150,000 SGF for a Volunteer Firefighter Workforce Study for FY 2025.
2. Delete \$100,000 SGF and 1.0 FTE Childcare Inspection Specialist position that would conduct outreach with providers concerning fire inspections of childcare facilities for FY 2025.
3. Delete 1.0 FTE Administrative Specialist position in the Fire Prevention Division for FY 2025.

House Committee Recommendation

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2025, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$150,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, for a Volunteer Firefighter Workforce Study for FY 2025.
2. Add \$200,000, all from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund, and 1.0 FTE Division Chief position with equipment to oversee a newly-organized Industrial Safety Division, which includes the Boiler and Elevator Safety programs, for FY 2025.

House Committee of the Whole Recommendation (Sub. for HB 2273)

The **Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee's recommendation for FY 2025.