



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

November 25, 2014

The Honorable Donald E. Williams, Jr., President Pro Tempore, State Senate  
The Honorable Brendan Sharkey, Speaker of the House  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear President Williams and Speaker Sharkey:

As the November fiscal accountability reports from both my office and the Office of Fiscal Analysis show, we face significant challenges in producing a balanced budget in the General Fund over the next biennium. While I am hopeful that the pace of economic recovery will accelerate and produce revenue growth that will make our task somewhat easier, the November consensus revenue forecast suggests that we will need to focus on significant expenditure reductions in order to balance the budget. As a result, my attention over the next two months will be on meeting this challenge through a comprehensive look at all areas of spending across the entirety of state government.

State statute requires that the budget recommended by the Governor for the Legislative branch for the next biennium be the same as the estimates that were transmitted by the branch to OPM in September. I would note that OFA, in its fiscal accountability report issued November 15<sup>th</sup>, estimated current services requirements for the Legislative branch that are substantially less than the amounts the branch requested in its September transmittal to OPM. (See attached table.) Accordingly, I request that you review your requested budget for the next biennium with a goal of reducing it to an amount that is no more than—and ideally is below—current services levels. It is my hope that you can submit a revised budget request to OPM not later than December 19, 2014, so that I can incorporate these revisions into the Governor's proposed budget in February.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin Barnes".

Ben Barnes  
Secretary

Attachment

cc:

The Honorable Martin Looney, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Joseph Aresimowicz, House of Representatives Majority Leader  
The Honorable John McKinney, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Lawrence F. Cafero, House of Representatives Minority Leader  
The Honorable Beth Bye, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Toni Walker, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader-Elect  
The Honorable Len Fasano, Senate Minority Leader-Elect  
The Honorable Themis Klarides, House of Representatives Minority Leader-Elect  
James Tracy, Executive Director, Office of Legislative Management  
Alan Calandro, Office of Fiscal Analysis

Attachment

Fund	Agency	SID	Title	Agency Requested 2016	Agency Requested 2017	OFA Est. Current Services 2016	OFA Est. Current Services 2017	Diff Requested vs. OFA 2016	Diff Requested vs. OFA 2017
11000	OLM10000	10010	Personal Services	51,867,728	54,601,263	44,777,680	46,817,154	7,090,048	7,784,109
11000	OLM10000	10020	Other Expenses	18,131,802	19,782,727	15,285,192	15,585,810	2,846,610	4,196,917
11000	OLM10000	10050	Equipment	1,648,600	544,600	1,648,599	544,600	1	-
11000	OLM10000	12049	Flag Restoration	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	-	-
11000	OLM10000	12129	Minor Capitol Improvements	2,305,000	500,000	2,305,000	500,000	-	-
11000	OLM10000	12210	Interim Salary/Caucus Offices	641,942	493,898	518,815	542,940	123,127	(49,042)
11000	OLM10000	12384	Connecticut Academy of Science and Engine	0	0	0	0	-	-
11000	OLM10000	12445	Old State House	599,710	620,620	592,491	603,926	7,219	16,694
11000	OLM10000	16057	Interstate Conference Fund	415,040	431,640	406,623	414,471	8,417	17,169
11000	OLM10000	16130	New England Board of Higher Education	189,250	194,925	206,413	210,398	(17,163)	(15,473)
	<b>OLM10000 Total</b>			<b>75,874,072</b>	<b>77,244,673</b>	<b>65,815,813</b>	<b>65,294,299</b>	<b>10,058,259</b>	<b>11,950,374</b>
11000	APA11000	10010	Personal Services	12,475,412	12,500,473	12,139,434	12,697,111	335,978	(196,638)
11000	APA11000	10020	Other Expenses	437,355	449,991	336,238	342,729	101,117	107,262
11000	APA11000	10050	Equipment	10,000	10,000	5,094	5,192	4,906	4,808
	<b>APA11000 Total</b>			<b>12,922,767</b>	<b>12,960,464</b>	<b>12,480,766</b>	<b>13,045,032</b>	<b>442,001</b>	<b>(84,568)</b>
11000	COA11400	10010	Personal Services	450,082	478,607	352,455	368,844	97,627	109,763
11000	COA11400	10020	Other Expenses	43,433	44,944	25,471	25,963	17,962	18,981
11000	COA11400	10050	Equipment	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
	<b>COA11400 Total</b>			<b>495,515</b>	<b>525,551</b>	<b>377,926</b>	<b>394,807</b>	<b>117,589</b>	<b>130,744</b>
11000	CSW11500	10010	Personal Services	664,544	706,552	515,484	539,454	149,060	167,098
11000	CSW11500	10020	Other Expenses	86,726	82,381	35,829	36,541	50,897	45,840
11000	CSW11500	10050	Equipment	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<b>CSW11500 Total</b>			<b>753,270</b>	<b>790,933</b>	<b>552,313</b>	<b>576,995</b>	<b>200,957</b>	<b>213,938</b>
11000	CCY11600	10010	Personal Services	803,460	849,814	669,446	700,575	134,014	149,239
11000	CCY11600	10020	Other Expenses	117,680	119,923	61,153	62,354	56,527	57,569
11000	CCY11600	10050	Equipment	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
	<b>CCY11600 Total</b>			<b>923,140</b>	<b>971,737</b>	<b>730,599</b>	<b>762,929</b>	<b>192,541</b>	<b>208,808</b>
11000	LPR11700	10010	Personal Services	517,399	550,030	375,700	393,170	141,699	156,860
11000	LPR11700	10020	Other Expenses	107,164	77,968	25,485	25,988	81,679	51,980
11000	LPR11700	10050	Equipment	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
	<b>LPR11700 Total</b>			<b>626,563</b>	<b>629,998</b>	<b>401,185</b>	<b>419,158</b>	<b>225,378</b>	<b>210,840</b>
11000	CAA11900	10010	Personal Services	404,948	429,099	253,113	264,883	151,835	164,216
11000	CAA11900	10020	Other Expenses	33,172	35,103	20,388	20,793	12,784	14,310
11000	CAA11900	10050	Equipment	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
	<b>CAA11900 Total</b>			<b>440,120</b>	<b>466,202</b>	<b>273,501</b>	<b>285,676</b>	<b>166,619</b>	<b>180,526</b>
11000	APC11950	10010	Personal Services	315,884	335,601	183,674	192,215	132,210	143,386
11000	APC11950	10020	Other Expenses	118,348	111,300	12,227	12,462	106,121	98,838
11000	APC11950	10050	Equipment	2,000	2,000			2,000	2,000
	<b>APC11950 Total</b>			<b>436,232</b>	<b>448,901</b>	<b>195,901</b>	<b>204,677</b>	<b>240,331</b>	<b>244,224</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>92,471,679</b>	<b>94,038,459</b>	<b>80,828,004</b>	<b>80,983,573</b>	<b>11,643,675</b>	<b>13,054,886</b>