



Department of Commerce
Division of Energy Resources
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Commerce 2025 Budget Overview

FY26-FY27 priorities

- \$3 million - Operating Increase: \$1 million – FY26, \$2 million – FY27
- \$1 million (Budget Neutral): Operating Increase to Petrofund (\$500K FY26, \$500K FY27)
- Energy Budget Technical Bill

2026-2027 Governor's Budget

- No new funding for DER Programs in Budget Proposal
- Operating Adjustment
 - FY26 - \$1,162,000
 - FY27 - \$1,840,000
- General Fund support for:
 - Current services
 - Increases in employee compensation and insurance
 - IT services and other operating costs



Petrofund IT and Program Support (Cost-Neutral)

Petrofund Tank Release Cleanup Fund – IT and Program Support

- \$500,000 increase per fiscal year ongoing
 - First meaningful increase to the Petrofund in over 20 years
 - Petrofund has not had a fully operational database for three years, leading to:
 - Inefficient program processes
 - Inability to easily generate and analyze required data and reports.
- Appropriation to cover:
 - New database construction and maintenance
 - Increased expenses related to inflation

Energy Budget Technical Bill

- Chapter 216C was written in the 1970s and has not been comprehensively updated
 - This proposal starts the process of modernizing Chapter 216C to reflect current energy policy and conservation efforts.
- Updates to the policy governing the State Competitiveness Fund

Questions?

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