

Department of Administration

The Governor's Office will continue to work with House leadership in an attempt to advance H. 3066 with the following priorities in mind:

Overall priorities:

1. The bill must abolish the Budget and Control Board – not rename it.
2. The bill should be structurally similar to the Senate's draft, to facilitate the conference process.
3. The independence of key functions – the Inspector General, the State Auditor, and revenue forecasting (Board of Economic Advisors) – must be preserved.
4. It is important that changes to Retirement System governance be retained in a fashion that makes sense for the taxpayers and stakeholders. Remember – a second pensions bill will also advance this session.

Specific changes:

1. Return all procurement responsibilities to the Department of Administration and eliminate the Procurement Oversight Board, as the House originally passed in 2011.
2. Move the Insurance Reserve Fund from the Public Employee Benefits Authority to the Department of Administration, as in earlier drafts of the bill.
3. Eliminate the Executive Budget Office which is now redundant, since the Office of State Budget will be transferred to the Department of Administration.
4. Amend the "Legislative Oversight" language to prevent private citizens from being subpoenaed by investigative committees.
5. Delete the overly-broad, Senate-inserted "procurement felony" and instead revise the existing bribery statute.
6. Give the House of Representatives control over its own floor.
7. Make technical changes to the pension contribution rates (which are currently off by one fiscal year in the bill).
8. Make technical amendments to bond review language.