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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**~~JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT~~
CLOSING REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
DIVISION OF MINERALS
MAY 12, 2003**

*Full
FINANCE closing
5/12. All closed.*

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BUDGET ACCOUNTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DIVISION OF MINERALS. THE CLOSING ACTIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAVE RESULTED IN ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND COSTS TOTALING \$62,058 IN FY 2003-04 AND GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$7,529 IN FY 2004-05 WHEN COMPARED TO THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

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THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF TWO EXISTING CLERICAL POSITIONS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUDGET ACCOUNTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT. BOTH OF THE POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY FUNDED 100 PERCENT WITH GENERAL FUNDS IN THEIR EXISTING ACCOUNTS. IN THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT, THE POSITIONS WOULD BE FUNDED WITH 52 PERCENT GENERAL FUNDS AND 48 PERCENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL COST ALLOCATION PLAN, PROVIDING GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$104,993 FOR THE BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED A NEW ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN POSITION AS RECOMMENDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET TO ASSIST WITH THE INCREASED NUMBER OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. FIFTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE NEW POSITION'S FUNDING WOULD COME FROM GENERAL FUNDS TOTALING \$46,037 FOR THE BIENNIUM, WHILE THE REMAINING 48 PERCENT WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL COST ALLOCATION PLAN.