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Transfer of Electrician Position to the Department of Administration (DOA -- General Agency Provisions and Workforce Development -- Departmentwide)

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CURRENT LAW

The Administrative Services Division provides information technology, personnel, purchasing, accounting, budgetary, facilities management, and management and program analysis services for the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The Division has base level funding of \$234,000 FED and \$47,136,200 PR and 422.4 PR positions. The source of program revenue for the Division is fees charged to the Department's programs for services provided.

GOVERNOR

Include nonstatutory language to require the transfer, from DWD to the Department of Administration (DOA), of 1.0 PR position and the incumbent employee having responsibility for small projects requiring the services of an electrician. The employee that would be transferred from DWD to DOA would have the same rights and status as he or she had at DWD, and would not have to serve a probationary period.

ANALYSIS

1. The electrician position is the only such position working in General Executive Facility (GEF) 1 that is not under direct supervision of the Department of Administration Division of Buildings and Police Services. The Division believes that all trade work in GEF 1 should be under the direct supervision of the Complex Manager rather than the tenant agencies. With the major remodeling activities in the building, there should be less need for DWD to undertake the projects currently requiring the services of a Department electrician.

2. The electrician currently performs specific projects for DWD such as rewiring to accommodate staff relocations. The projects are directly related to DWD staff needs. An argument could be made that if the position is transferred to DOA, it would be directed to participate in major remodeling projects in GEF 1 and be unavailable for specific DWD projects.

3. As noted, the bill contains a nonstatutory provision that would transfer an electrician position from DWD to DOA. However, the bill does not adjust DWD's expenditure and position authority to reflect the transfer. As a result, if the Committee approves the transfer, \$79,500 PR and 1.0 PR position should annually be deleted from DWD's budget.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer 1.0 electrician position from the Department of Workforce Development to the Department of Administration. Delete \$79,500 PR and 1.0 PR position to reflect the transfer. Provide \$79,500 PR and 1.0 PR position annually to DOA.

Alternative 1, DWD	PR
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$159,000
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 1.00

2. Maintain current law.

Alternative 2, DOA	PR
2001-03 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$159,000
2002-03 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 1.00

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