

## SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

<b>Budget Summary</b>							
Fund	2022-23 Base Year Doubled	2023-25 Governor	2023-25 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:			
				Governor		Base	
				Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
GPR	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	N.A.	\$1,000,000	N.A.
FED	1,075,000	1,085,400	1,041,400	- 44,000	- 4.1%	- 33,600	- 3.1%
PR	<u>121,035,600</u>	<u>148,603,300</u>	<u>142,727,900</u>	<u>- 5,875,400</u>	- 4.0	<u>21,692,300</u>	17.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,110,600</b>	<b>\$149,688,700</b>	<b>\$144,769,300</b>	<b>- \$4,919,400</b>	<b>- 3.3%</b>	<b>\$22,658,700</b>	<b>18.6%</b>

<b>FTE Position Summary</b>					
Fund	2022-23 Base	2024-25 Governor	2024-25 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:	
				Governor	2022-23 Base
FED	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00
PR	<u>240.44</u>	<u>318.94</u>	<u>256.19</u>	<u>- 62.75</u>	<u>15.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242.14</b>	<b>320.64</b>	<b>257.89</b>	<b>- 62.75</b>	<b>15.75</b>

### Budget Change Items

### Departmentwide

#### 1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS [LFB Paper 105]

	<b>Governor</b>		<b>Jt. Finance</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>(Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>(Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
FED	- \$33,600	0.00	\$0	0.00	- \$33,600	0.00
PR	<u>623,500</u>	<u>- 2.00</u>	<u>- 468,200</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>155,300</u>	<u>- 2.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$589,900</b>	<b>- 2.00</b>	<b>- \$468,200</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$121,700</b>	<b>- 2.00</b>

**Governor:** Increase funding by \$310,300 (-\$16,800 FED and \$327,100 PR) and delete 2.0 PR positions in 2023-24, and provide \$279,600 (-\$16,800 FED and \$296,400 PR) and delete 2.0 PR positions in 2024-25 to reflect the net effect of the following standard budget adjustments: (a)

turnover reduction (-\$351,400 PR annually); (b) removal of non-continuing elements (-\$145,800 PR and -2.0 PR positions in 2023-24 and -\$176,700 PR and -2.0 PR positions in 2024-25); (c) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$16,800 FED and \$897,500 PR annually); and (d) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$73,200 PR in 2023-24 and -\$73,000 PR in 2024-25).

**Joint Finance:** Increase the turnover reduction rate from 3% to 5% and decrease standard budget adjustments by -\$234,100 PR in each year for this purpose.

**2. SYSTEM PLATFORMS SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE [LFB Paper 681]**

PR	\$4,352,400
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**Governor/Joint Finance:** Provide \$2,117,900 in 2023-24 and \$2,234,500 beginning in 2024-25 for the following system platforms subscriptions and maintenance: (a) \$1,760,700 in 2023-24 and \$1,813,600 in 2024-25 for various software subscriptions and maintenance for LicensE components required for operation of the system for health and business occupation credentialing; (b) \$135,800 in 2023-24 and \$139,900 in 2024-25 for the software subscriptions and maintenance fees of the electronic Safety and Licensing Application (eSLA) for safety and building plan reviews and permitting; and (c) \$221,400 in 2023-24 and \$281,000 in 2024-25 for a variety of software subscriptions and maintenance, including for electronic forms, call center functions, and other DSPS internal operations.

**3. DIVISION OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES [LFB Paper 682]**

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>	<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
PR	\$2,480,200	- \$575,600	\$1,904,600

**Governor:** Provide \$1,208,500 in 2023-24 and \$1,271,700 in 2024-25 to support costs charged by the Division of Enterprise Technology (DET) in the Department of Administration (DOA), which provides information technology (IT) functions to DSPS. These amounts would include ongoing funding of \$283,600 in 2023-24 and \$292,000 beginning in 2024-25, and one-time funding of \$924,900 in 2023-24 and \$979,700 in 2024-25 to address IT programming enhancements, process improvements, and deployment of statewide projects to be adopted by all agencies' public-facing services.

**Joint Finance:** Modify provision to authorize one-time funding of \$924,900 in 2023-24 and \$979,700 in 2024-25 for IT programming enhancements, process improvements, and deployment of statewide.

4. **EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES** [LFB Paper 681] 

PR	\$445,800
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**Governor/Joint Finance:** Provide \$219,700 in 2023-24 and \$226,100 in 2024-25 as one-time funding for equipment updates. Funding would be intended to support replacement of agency equipment that has become obsolete or otherwise reached the end of its functionality.

5. **PAY INCREASES FOR CRITICAL POSITIONS** [LFB Paper 220]

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>	<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
FED	\$44,000	- \$44,000	\$0
PR	<u>572,300</u>	<u>- 572,300</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$616,300	- \$616,300	\$0

**Governor:** Provide \$313,900 in 2023-24 (\$291,500 PR and \$22,400 FED) and \$302,400 in 2024-25 (\$280,800 PR and \$21,600 FED) to support salary and fringe increases for permanent and project positions in the license and permit program associate or office operations associate groups in DSPS. Increases would affect an estimated 42.0 positions and in most instances be \$6,480 per year, per position.

**Joint Finance:** Modify provision to instead provide funding to compensation reserves in the amounts included in AB 43/SB 70, less a 5% reduction associated with a higher than usual level of position vacancies, to continue supplemental pilot add-on pay to address severe recruitment and retention issues. [See "Budget Management and Compensation Reserves."]

6. **MILITARY PATHWAYS GRANT PROGRAM**

PR	\$100,000
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**Governor/Joint Finance:** Provide \$50,000 each year in one-time funding to continue the Military Pathways Grant Program, by which military training may be creditable or transferrable to credentials for certain civilian jobs. The program was created under 2021 Act 58, which provided \$50,000 each year in one-time funding. Eligible applicants include colleges, universities, apprenticeship programs, or other entities that create curricula to connect existing military training with licensed civilian occupations. DSPS reports that Milwaukee Area Technical College received the grant in 2021-22 to hire a part-time veterans project specialist position to assist in transferring military training and credentials to college transcripts.

7. **EQUITY OFFICER POSITION** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>
PR	\$85,900	0.50	- \$85,900	- 0.50	\$0	0.00

8. **LICENSURE FOR UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

9. **REVIEW OF VIOLATIONS RECORDS** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

10. **LICENSE PORTABILITY** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

11. **EROSION REMEDIATION ASSISTANCE FOR THE DE PERE GREENWOOD CEMETERY**

GPR	\$1,000,000
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**Joint Finance:** Provide \$1,000,000 in 2023-24 for erosion remediation at De Pere Greenwood Cemetery. Require DSPS to distribute the funds to the De Pere Greenwood Cemetery Association, with approval from the state Cemetery Board, from the DSPS general operations appropriation.

12. **DELETE VACANT POSITIONS**

<b>Positions</b>	
PR	- 0.25

**Joint Finance:** Delete a 0.25 financial specialist position that has been vacant for longer than 18 months.

### Regulation of Professions

1. **LICENSE PROCESSING STAFF** [LFB Paper 685]

	<b>Governor</b>		<b>Jt. Finance</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>(Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>(Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>
PR	\$2,215,600	16.00	-\$1,263,200	- 9.00	\$952,400	7.00

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$968,700 in 2023-24 and \$1,246,900 in 2024-25 with 16.0 permanent positions to process license applications in the Division of Professional Credential Processing (DPCP). The following table shows the types of positions that would be provided and the funding that would be budgeted to support these positions in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

**License Processing Staff -- Governor's Recommendation**

<u>Position Title/Category</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
License Permit Program Associate -- Health	8.00	\$364,100	\$485,300
License Permit Program Associate -- Business and Trades	6.00	273,000	364,000
Records Management Supervisor -- Health	1.00	55,200	73,600
Paralegal -- Legal	<u>1.00</u>	<u>43,300</u>	<u>57,700</u>
Subtotal	16.00	\$735,600	\$980,600
Supplies and Services		\$233,100	\$266,300
Total	16.00	\$968,700	\$1,246,900

As of February 1, 2023, DSPS has assigned 64.0 positions to its Division of Professional Credential Processing. This includes 42.0 license permit program associates of various classes, 8.0 office operations associates, 4.0 attorneys, 3.0 paralegals, 3.0 program and policy analysts, 3.0 records management supervisors, and 1.0 division administrator.

**Joint Finance:** Provide 6.0 license processing positions with \$359,400 in 2023-24 and \$462,600 in 2024-25, including 4.0 for health professions and 2.0 for business and trades. Provide 1.0 paralegal with \$57,000 in 2023-24 and \$73,400 in 2024-25. Specify that the positions are four-year project positions.

**2. CALL CENTER STAFF [LFB Paper 686]**

	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Jt. Finance</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
	<b>(Chg. to Base)</b>	<b>(Chg. to Gov)</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Funding</b>
	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Positions</b>
PR	\$1,811,300	14.00	-\$1,047,400
			- 8.00
			\$763,900
			6.00

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$793,000 in 2023-24 and \$1,018,300 in 2024-25 with 14.0 office operations associate permanent positions to provide additional customer service call center staff within the DPCP Customer Service Center (CSC). DSPS reports CSC is assigned 6.0 office operations associates and 1.0 supervisor. The agency reports it has also utilized limited-term employees and has contracted 20 additional employees through a third-party company using funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Administration would assign state-funded staff to handle ongoing call volumes once federal ARPA funds have been exhausted.

**Joint Finance:** Provide 6.0 office operations associate positions for the Customer Service Center, with funding of \$327,400 in 2023-24 and \$436,500 in 2024-25. Specify that the positions are two-year project positions and the funding is one-time.

**3. BOARD SUPPORT STAFF [LFB Paper 687]**

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>
PR	\$1,730,600	10.00	-\$1,730,600	- 10.00	\$0	0.00

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$753,700 in 2023-24 and \$976,900 in 2024-25 with 9.0 permanent positions and 1.0 two-year project position to provide existing and new credentialing boards with policy, legal, and administrative services.

The following table shows how these additional positions would be allocated within the Department, the types of positions that would be provided, and the funding that would be budgeted to support these positions in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

**Board Support Staff -- Governor's Recommendation**

<u>Position Title/Category</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
<b>Division of Legal Services and Compliance</b>			
Attorney	3.00	\$178,400	\$237,600
Pharmacy Practices Consultant	1.00	102,500	136,700
Real Estate Specialist	1.00	55,200	73,600
Senior Consumer Protection Investigator	1.00	55,200	73,600
Program and Policy Analyst*	1.00	55,200	73,600
Consumer Protection Investigator	<u>1.00</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>68,100</u>
Subtotal	8.00	\$497,500	\$663,200
<b>Division of Policy Development</b>			
Administrative Policy Advisor	1.00	\$55,200	\$73,600
Administrative Rules Coordinator	<u>1.00</u>	<u>55,200</u>	<u>73,600</u>
Subtotal	2.00	\$110,400	\$147,200
Supplies and Services		\$145,800	\$166,500
Total	10.00	\$753,700	\$976,900

\*Two-year project position

**Joint Finance:** Provision not included.

4. **LICENSE NAVIGATORS** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding Positions</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>	
PR	\$256,200	2.00	-\$256,200	- 2.00	\$0	0.00

5. **LICENSURE ATTAINMENT AND FLEXIBILITY SPECIALISTS** [LFB Paper 688]

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding Positions</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>	
PR	\$776,100	5.00	-\$776,100	- 5.00	\$0	0.00

**Governor:** Provide \$341,200 in 2023-24 and \$434,900 in 2024-25 with 5.0 positions to create license attainment specialists. The Administration indicates that the positions would be intended to enhance licensure opportunity in Wisconsin through multistate compacts and reciprocity agreements. DOA indicates that 1.0 position would work on licensure compact development with the various credentialing boards, 1.0 would research and facilitate credentialing for persons trained internationally in healthcare fields, and 3.0 would expedite licensing decisions for applicants who already held credentials in other states.

**Joint Finance:** Provision not included.

6. **PROGRAM REVENUE RETENTION** [LFB Paper 689]

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>	<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
PR	\$3,543,600	-\$3,543,600	\$0
GPR-REV-	\$3,543,600	\$3,543,600	\$0
PR-REV	3,543,600	- 3,543,600	0

**Governor:** Eliminate the statutory requirement that DSPS must transfer 10% of revenues from health and business credentialing fees and educational approval fees to the general fund. The Administration estimates that \$1,771,800 annually would be retained as program revenues, rather than transferred to the general fund. The bill would increase the DSPS general operations appropriation for health and business occupational credentialing by the same amount.

**Joint Finance:** Provision not included.

7. **PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM** [LFB 

PR	\$1,115,200
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Paper 690]

**Governor:** Provide \$253,800 in 2023-24 and \$861,400 in 2024-25 in ongoing funding for software improvements, electronic health records integration, and recurring licensing costs for the state's electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ePDMP). The ePDMP is an online opioid database used by approximately 70,000 registered users, including Wisconsin pharmacy staff, healthcare professionals, law enforcement agencies, and public health officials to prevent opioid abuse in the state. Originally created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 362, the program's development and deployment was funded by various federal grants.

DSPS funds the ePDMP with the agency's health and business professions general program operations PR appropriations. Recent improvements to the ePDMP were made using funds from the federal Harold Rogers PDMP Grant Program, including \$1.9 million in 2019-20 and \$1.6 million in 2020-21. An award of \$1.4 million was granted to Wisconsin in 2021-22.

**Joint Finance:** Modify provision to specify funding is on a one-time basis in the 2023-25 biennium.

8. **RENEWAL DATES AND NURSING WORKFORCE SURVEY** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

9. **CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATION FOR REALTORS**

PR	\$100,000
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**Governor/Joint Finance:** Provide \$100,000 in one-time funding in 2023-24 to support the Wisconsin Realtors Association in the establishment of continuing education requirements for realtors in the state.

10. **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

11. **DENTAL THERAPISTS** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*



## Safety and Buildings Programs

### 1. BUILDING PLAN REVIEW [LFB Paper 695]

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding Positions</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>		<b>Funding Positions</b>	
PR	\$3,936,200	25.00	-\$3,471,000	- 22.00	\$465,200	3.00

**Governor:** Provide 25.0 positions to increase commercial building plan review staff in the Division of Industry Services. The Administration indicates that the three proposals described in the following paragraphs would increase plan review staff to facilitate reviews in ways suggested by construction industry participants.

#### Schedule-in-Advance Plan Review

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$470,300 in 2023-24 and \$610,200 in 2024-25 with 7.0 permanent plan review positions to conduct plan reviews that are scheduled in advance of plan paperwork submission but not submitted until 48 hours prior to review appointments with DSPS. The positions would be intended to respond to certain construction firms that utilize a plan creation process whereby the final plan is not complete until shortly before construction. DSPS and the Administration intend for the provision to accommodate plan reviews in a timely manner commensurate with actual building timelines. All 7.0 positions would be supported by the DSPS appropriation for safety and buildings general operations.

#### Schedule-in-Advance Plan Review -- Governor's Recommendation

<u>Position Title/Category</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Senior Commercial Building Plan Reviewer	2.00	\$110,400	\$147,200
Fire Systems Plan Reviewer	2.00	110,400	147,200
Plumbing Plan Reviewer	2.00	94,300	125,700
Senior Elevator Plan Reviewer	<u>1.00</u>	<u>55,200</u>	<u>73,600</u>
Subtotal	7.00	\$370,300	\$493,700
Supplies and Services		\$100,000	\$116,500
Total	7.00	\$470,300	\$610,200

#### Four-Week Plan Review

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$972,500 in 2023-24 and \$1,263,000 in 2024-25 with 14.0 permanent positions to provide building and plumbing plan review in four weeks or less.

DSPS has reported that discussions with industry stakeholders suggested that plan reviews should occur in 20 business days or less to align with construction industry practices. DSPS indicates that such plans are, in most cases, currently reviewed in 30 business days or less and that the provision would allow the Department to meet the suggested 20-day time frame. All 14.0 positions would be allocated to the DSPS appropriation for safety and buildings general operations.

**Four-Week Plan Review -- Governor's Recommendation**

<u>Position Title/Category</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Senior Commercial Building Plan Reviewer	6.00	\$331,000	\$441,400
Fire Systems Plan Reviewer	4.00	220,700	294,300
Plumbing Plan Reviewer	3.00	141,400	188,600
Senior Elevator Plan Reviewer	1.00	55,200	73,600
Miscellaneous Salary and Fringe Benefits		<u>24,200</u>	<u>32,100</u>
Subtotal	14.00	\$772,500	\$1,030,000
Supplies and Services		\$200,000	\$233,000
Total	14.00	\$972,500	\$1,263,000

**Accelerated Review of Small Projects**

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$270,000 in 2023-24 and \$350,200 in 2024-25 with 4.0 permanent positions to provide building and plumbing plan reviews in one week for small and simple plans. The 4.0 positions would include: (a) 1.0 commercial building plan reviewer; (b) 1.0 plumbing plan reviewer; (c) 1.0 fire systems plan reviewer; and (d) 1.0 elevator plan reviewer.

**Joint Finance:** Modify provision to authorize 3.0 permanent building plan review positions with \$202,500 in 2023-24 and \$262,700 in 2024-25.

**2. INDUSTRY SERVICES FIELD INSPECTION STAFF [LFB Paper 696]**

	<u>Governor</u> <u>(Chg. to Base)</u>		<u>Jt. Finance</u> <u>(Chg. to Gov)</u>		<u>Net Change</u>	
	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Positions</u>
PR	\$723,600	5.00	-\$723,600	- 5.00	\$0	0.00

**Governor:** Provide ongoing funding of \$315,300 in 2023-24 and \$408,300 in 2024-25 with 5.0 permanent positions to increase departmental presence in certain plan review activities and reduce wait times on building inspections. The 5.0 positions would include: (a) 2.0 commercial building plan inspectors; (b) 1.0 elevator inspector; (c) 1.0 boiler inspector; and (d) 1.0 electrical inspector. All 5.0 positions would be allocated to the appropriation for DSPS safety and buildings general operations.

**Joint Finance:** Provision not included.

**3. MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSPECTION AND OVERSIGHT [LFB Paper 696]**

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base) Funding Positions</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov) Funding Positions</b>		<b>Net Change Funding Positions</b>	
PR	\$161,200	1.00	-\$161,200	- 1.00	\$0	0.00

**Governor:** Provide \$70,800 in 2023-24 and \$90,400 in 2024-25 with 1.0 position for coordinating municipal building inspection programs. The statutes allow DSPPS to delegate certain building plan review and inspection functions to municipalities. The position to be created would provide increased oversight and training to ensure that delegated municipalities are informed of, and implementing, consistent building code standards in the state.

**Joint Finance:** Provision not included.

**4. PRIVATE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (POWTS) GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE AND CONTINUATION [LFB Paper 697]**

PR	\$1,680,000
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**Governor:** Reinstate the grant program for the replacement or rehabilitation of failing private on-site wastewater treatment systems (POWTS), also called septic systems. Under current law, the program is repealed on June 30, 2023. Provide \$840,000 each year in a continuing appropriation.

In addition, change the installation deadline for POWTS grant eligibility to include systems installed at least 33 years before a person submitted a grant application. Current program eligibility extends only to systems installed before July 1, 1978, or approximately 45 years ago.

Further, retain the current program limit of \$45,000 in annual family income for persons applying for a grant for a POWTS serving a principal residence. However, require DSPPS on July 1, 2024, and each July 1 thereafter, to adjust the income limit by the percentage change in the U.S. Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W), U.S. city average, for the prior year, rounded to the nearest dollar. Require DSPPS to publish the change in income limit on the Department website. Exempt the annual income limit change from being promulgated through the administrative rule process.

The POWTS grant program provides financial assistance to certain owners of a principal residence or small commercial establishment to cover a portion of the cost of repairing or replacing failing private onsite wastewater treatment (septic) systems. Under 2021 Wisconsin Act 67, the grant program is repealed on June 30, 2023. The last year of funding for the program is 2022-23, and final awards were made in the fall of 2022. The provision would extend the program indefinitely. The program is funded from a transfer from the DSPPS safety and buildings operations appropriation, which receives program revenue from sanitary permits and private onsite wastewater treatment system plan review fees, as well as fees from other building permit, plan review, inspection, and credentialing activities. The bill would recreate statutes governing the

POWTS grant program nearly identically to current program provisions, except as described above.

**Joint Finance:** Reinstate the POWTS grant program and provide \$840,000 in each year. The program would continue with the same eligibility provisions as under current law. Specify a June 30, 2025, repeal of the program.

**5. PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEM PLAN REVIEWERS [LFB Paper 697]**

	Funding	Positions
PR	\$282,000	2.00

**Governor/Joint Finance:** Provide \$123,000 in 2023-24 and \$159,000 in 2024-25 and 2.0 permanent positions for private septic system plan review. DSPP is authorized 6.0 permanent private septic system plan reviewers, and 2021 Act 67 provided 2.0 two-year project septic system plan reviewers that expire on June 30, 2023. This provision would make the Act 67 positions permanent.

**6. PRIVATE ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM RESEARCH**  
*(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
PR	\$216,000	-\$216,000	\$0

**7. TRADE EXAMINATION PROVIDERS [LFB Paper 698]**

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
PR	\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000	\$0

**Governor:** Provide \$500,000 each year in one-time funding for procurement of third-party trade examination services. Under current law, examinations for health and business professions may be conducted by a test service provider outside the Department. The bill would extend the authorization to examinations for building trades occupations. The provision would authorize DSPP to contract with a third-party vendor to administer trade exams through an online platform. The Administration indicates that individuals taking the exams would pay the selected vendor directly for the examination. The \$1 million over the biennium would be intended for vendor procurement processes.

**Joint Finance:** Provision not included.

**8. SUM SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION FOR INSPECTION CONTRACT ACCOUNTING** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>	<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
PR	- \$1,130,000	\$1,130,000	\$0

**9. YOUTH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM** [LFB Paper 699]

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>	<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
PR	\$200,000	- \$50,000	\$150,000

**Governor:** Provide \$100,000 each year in ongoing funding to continue the Youth Volunteer Firefighter Training Program. The program provides grants to fire departments to create and operate youth firefighter training programs with the goal of increasing recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in the state. The grant program was created under 2021 Act 58, which provided with \$50,000 PR each year in one-time funding. Funding in the 2021-23 biennium has been awarded to six grantees, with individual grants being between \$4,050 and \$24,950.

**Joint Finance:** Provide \$75,000 in each year of the biennium in one-time funding to extend the Youth Volunteer Firefighter Training Grant Program.

**10. MANUFACTURED HOUSING REHABILITATION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM**

PR	\$40,000
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**Governor/Joint Finance:** Provide \$20,000 in each year as one-time funding for the manufactured housing rehabilitation and recycling program. Under the program, DSPS awards funds for disposal of abandoned manufactured homes and repairs to manufactured homes owned and occupied by low-income, elderly, and disabled persons. Current funding of \$40,000 for the program is administered by the Tomorrow's Home Foundation and comes from the titling fees for manufactured homes, which are deposited into the DSPS general operations appropriation for industry and trades.

**11. STRETCH ENERGY CODE WORKING GROUP** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	<b>Governor (Chg. to Base)</b>		<b>Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)</b>		<b>Net Change</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Positions</b>
PR	\$250,000	1.00	- \$250,000	- 1.00	\$0	0.00

12. **PROHIBIT USE OF VAPOR PRODUCTS IN INDOOR LOCATIONS** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

13. **FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES DISTRIBUTION REESTIMATE**

PR	\$9,185,500
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**Joint Finance:** Reestimate the fire dues distribution by \$4,302,500 in 2023-24 and \$4,883,000 in 2024-25. Any insurer doing fire insurance business in Wisconsin must pay the state fire department dues equal to 2% of the amount of all Wisconsin-based premiums paid. Most proceeds fund aids payments that DSPS distributes to each city, village or town maintaining a local fire department for eligible activities related to fire department operations. The provision would estimate fire dues payments to municipalities at \$29.0 million in 2023-24 and \$29.6 million in 2024-25.