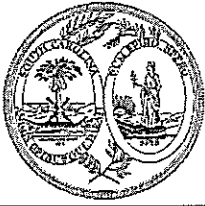


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**Fiscal Year 2018-19
Agency Budget Plan**

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)	This represents our Agency's Allocation of State Funds for FY 2017-18 for SCRS & PORS Rate Increases and Health & Dental Insurance Increases.	
	For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS (FORM B2)	For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

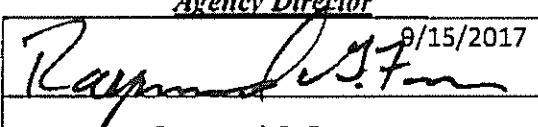
CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)	For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

PROVISOS (FORM D)	For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Tom Watson	(803) 737-6141	twatson@doi.sc.gov
SECONDARY CONTACT:	Mia Mills	(803) 737-6111	mmills@doi.sc.gov

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2018-19 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
SIGN/DATE:	 9/15/2017	N/A
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Raymond G. Farmer	N/A

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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**FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

TITLE	<p>Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan (3% Agency General Fund Reduction Analysis) 3% reduction of fiscal year 2017-2018 Recurring General Fund Appropriations. Supplied by Mr. Brian Gaines, SC Dept. of Administration in August 25, 2017 Memorandum.</p>
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AMOUNT	<p>\$126,609 <i>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount (minimum based on the FY 2017-18 recurring appropriations)? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</i></p>
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ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	<p>None anticipated.</p>
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY IMPACT	<p>Almost all programs would be impacted by this “proposed” reduction. The Agency would attempt to reduce some of its operating costs in order to meet the mandated reduction.</p>
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	<p>To accomplish this reduction, we would have to postpone some of our planned IT initiatives. We continue to strive towards increasing our infrastructure as it relates to security and privacy. We continue to implement recommendations provided by the SC Dept. of Administration's Division of Technology (DTO).</p> <p>We would also reduce the services provided by the Dept. of Administration as it relates to mail processing communications for our licensees and companies regulated.</p>
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS	<p>We analyze and project our major expenditures, mostly IT related, each fiscal year. This allows us to plan and adjust accordingly to ensure that we are maintaining effectiveness and efficiencies.</p>
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What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	SCDOI’s Efforts to Reduce Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	The Agency routinely reviews all of its regulations to ensure that only minimal requirements are stipulated to carry out Title 38 and other insurance related laws. The savings is not readily quantifiable.
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What is the expected savings to South Carolina’s businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal or revision of regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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METHOD OF CALCULATION	
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	We annually maintain and update a list of the fines and fees for the previous fiscal year and the associated statute. However, no immediate reductions are planned at this time.
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Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	The Department completed its review of regulations within the past few months. Noted by each regulation is the action the Department proposes to take over the next five years, if any. This analysis can and will be made available upon request.
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

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SUMMARY

The South Carolina Department of Insurance is committed to designing and maintaining and insurance regulatory system that protects the public interest without imposing unnecessary costs on its licensees. Accordingly, the agency routinely reviews its processes, procedures and regulatory framework to automate processes that can be automated and to determine which regulations should be modified, streamlined or repealed. It recently completed its second 5-year review.

The purpose of the review is to make regulation more effective or less burdensome in achieving regulatory objectives. Modifying regulations to comply with applicable law ensures that our consumers are afforded the protections intended by the legislature. Repealing unnecessary regulations may reduce the costs to licensees which may enable the licensee to provide coverage to the citizens of this state at a reasonable cost.

Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?