

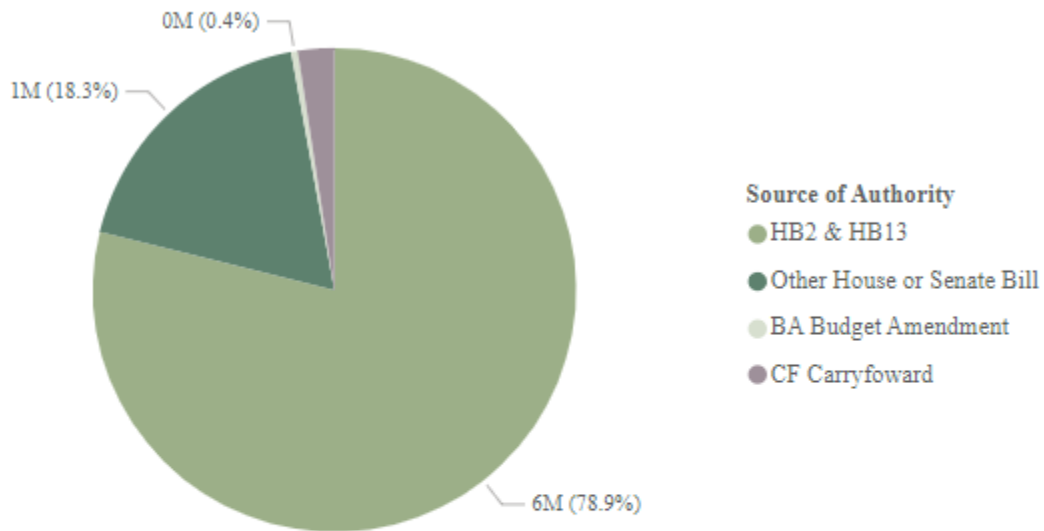
# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## (Spending report for End of Fiscal Year 2024)

### TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the Public Service Commission is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 78.9% of the total authority for this agency. All types of appropriation authority for this agency are described below, including total budget and the percent expended by source of authority.

**Total Modified Budget by Source of Authority**



Source of Authority	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
Other House or Senate Bill	1,282,837	1,236,042	96.4%
CF Carryforward	170,235	50,187	29.5%
BA Budget Amendment	31,397	2,674	8.5%
HB2 & HB13	5,541,368	4,722,238	85.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,025,837</b>	<b>6,011,141</b>	<b>85.6%</b>

### Budget Amendments

The Public Service Commission (PSC) had a budget amendment in FY 2024 for \$25,984 for the inspection of underground natural gas storage facilities, \$13,554 of which expires December 31, 2024. The \$31,397 above also includes the \$5,503 of budget amendment authority that expired in September of 2023.

### Other House and Senate Bill Authority

House Bill 10 provides authority for the REDDI software modernization project. Approximately \$1.3 million has been authorized for this project in FY 2024, and \$1.2 million has been spent to date. REDDI is the replacement software to comprehensively track the regulatory business of the PSC, including record-keeping, reports, and communications.

### **Carryforward**

The PSC has \$170,000 in carryforward authority in FY 2024, consisting of \$69,000 federal special revenue authority for the Natural Gas Safety Program and the remaining \$101,000 in state special revenue. The carryforward authority includes \$50,000 in personal services authority and \$120,000 for operating expenses. Continued appropriations total \$84,000 from FY 2022 and \$87,000 from FY 2023, which were derived from 30.0% of the qualifying unexpended balances from those specific fiscal years. As outlined in statute, carryforward authority is available to be spent for the next two fiscal years, so the FY 2022 unspent authority has expired at the end of FY 2024.

### **HB 2 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the HB 2 modified budget from July 1, ~~2024~~ through May 31, 2024. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The **positive modifications** and **negative modifications** are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.

## Legislative Budget Compared to Modified Budget - HB 2 Only

Agency Name	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
▣ Public Service Regulation	5,541,368	5,541,368	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	

Expenditure Type	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
▣ 61000 Personal Services	4,156,998	4,156,998	
▣ 62000 Operating Expenses	1,079,994	1,079,994	
▣ 69000 Debt Service	304,376	304,376	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	

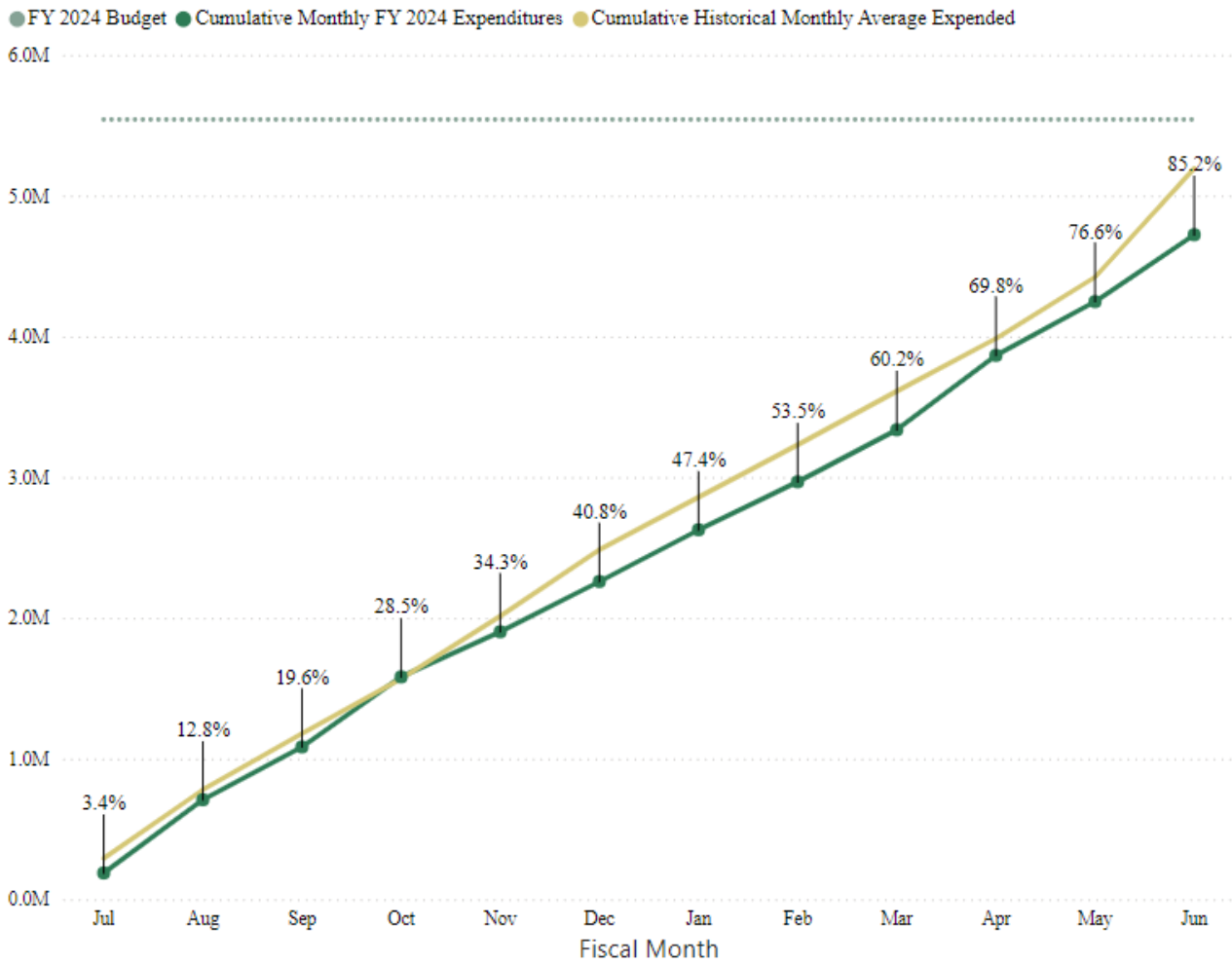
Fund Type	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
▣ 02 State/Other Spec Rev	5,267,608	5,267,608	
▣ 03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	273,760	273,760	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	

As seen in the figure above, the PSC made no modifications to the HB 2 for FY 2024.

## HB 2 APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The following chart shows the appropriated budget for the agency compared to expenditures through June 30, 2024.

### Monthly Expenditures Compared to Historical Average



Program Name	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
01 PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION PROG	5,541,368	4,722,238	85.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>4,722,238</b>	<b>85.2%</b>

Expenditure Type	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
Debt Service	304,376	285,415	93.8%
Personal Services	4,156,998	3,885,900	93.5%
Operating Expenses	1,079,994	550,923	51.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>4,722,238</b>	<b>85.2%</b>

Fund Type	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
02 State/Other Spec Rev	5,267,608	4,576,450	86.9%
03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	273,760	145,788	53.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>4,722,238</b>	<b>85.2%</b>

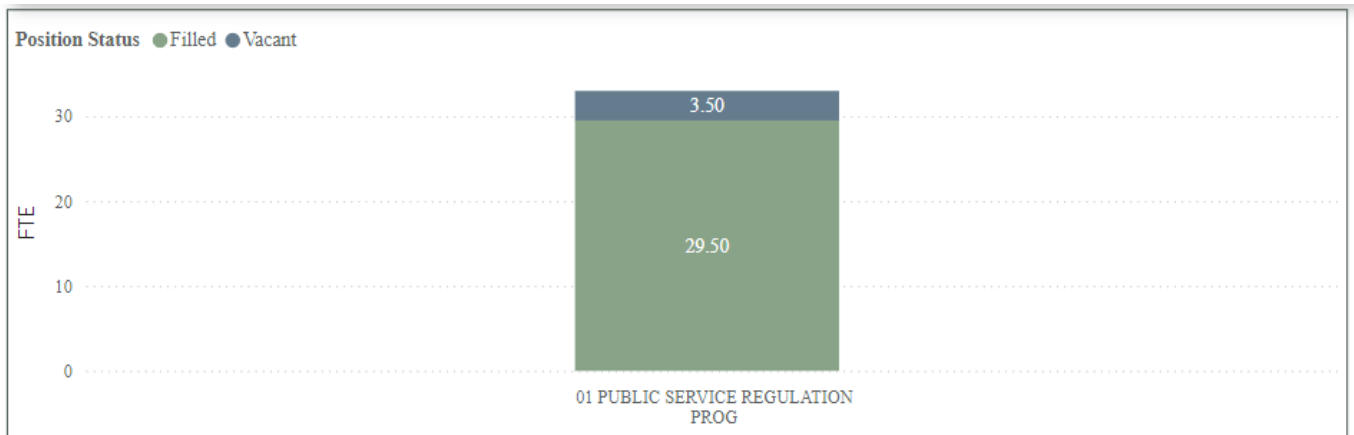
The Public Service Commission expended 85.2% of its \$5.5 million HB 2 modified budget through June 30, 2024. This is lower than the five-year Olympic average of 93.7% for the fiscal year.

The PSC was provided restricted one-time-only authority of \$80,000 for retirement payouts, of which only \$245 has been spent. The appropriation is biennial, and the balance will be available to spend in FY 2025.

The biennial appropriation authority for the Software Modernization Project (REDDI) licensing, totaling \$170,000, has been 83.8% expended. In FY 2024, the appropriation only included licensing fees, and not implementation costs. This appropriation was 7.7% of the operating budget.

## Personal Services

The following chart shows the filled and vacant FTE within the agency as of July 1, 2024, including only non-elected positions.



In FY 2024, the PSC is authorized for 33.00 FTE serving 5.00 FTE elected positions. The PSC had 29.50 FTE positions filled with 3.50 positions vacant as of the end of this fiscal year. The vacant positions can be seen in the table provided further down in the report.

The chart below shows the hourly utilization percentage for the PSC for each fiscal year. Overall, the department utilized 90.8% of the available hours for FY 2024, as shown in the chart below, which is close to the previous five-year average of 93.4%.



The chart below shows the vacant FTE in the PSC, the number of months each position has been vacant, and the midpoint hourly pay rate. The PSC’s vacant positions have a median of 9.9 months vacant. The PSC experienced turnover in six positions in FY 2024 with one position retiring, another two positions transferring to a new agency within state government, and three leaving state employment.

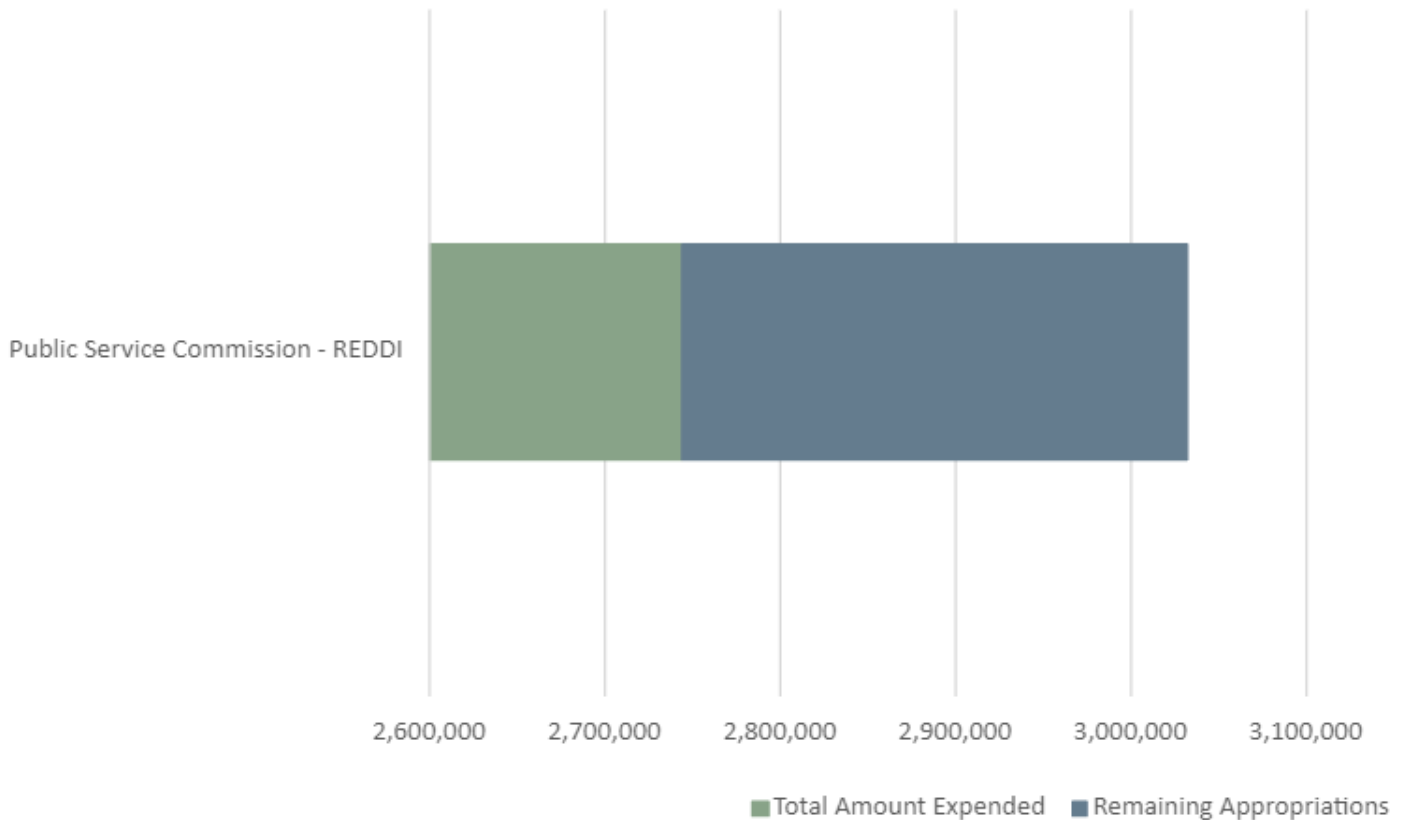
### Vacant Positions Report



	FTE	Median Months Vacant	Market Midpoint (Hourly)
⊖ 42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	3.50	9.93	38.96
⊖ 01 PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION PROG	3.50	9.93	38.96
⊕ Lawyer 2	1.00	12.00	55.14
⊕ Regulatory Compliance Spec	0.50	12.00	26.76
⊕ Utility Rate Analyst 1	2.00	4.43	38.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>9.93</b>	<b>38.96</b>

## OTHER ISSUES

### Information Technology Project Expenditures



The REDDI project was essentially complete as of January 22, 2024, and the agency is now working on bug fixes and improvements. An addendum to the contract will allow \$238,000 of the contingency HB 10 funding to be used for this purpose. Of the \$3.3 million revised budget, \$2.7 million has been spent. The revised delivery date is June 30, 2024. The original delivery date was September 1, 2023, but was moved to December 31, 2023, after the intended appropriation in 2021 was delayed by a bill drafting error. The original budgeted amount was \$2.3 million. The final budget of \$3.3 million factors in configuration, project management, SITSD fees, and licensing costs through FY 2024.

The REDDI project assesses the agency’s software needs and manages the procurement and implementation of a new and/or enhanced software solution to fulfill the agency’s technology needs for case management, data management, and customer relations.

Large Information Technology Projects Original and Revised Budgets			
Project	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Change from Original Budget
Public Service Commission - REDDI	2,305,314	3,032,282	726,968