

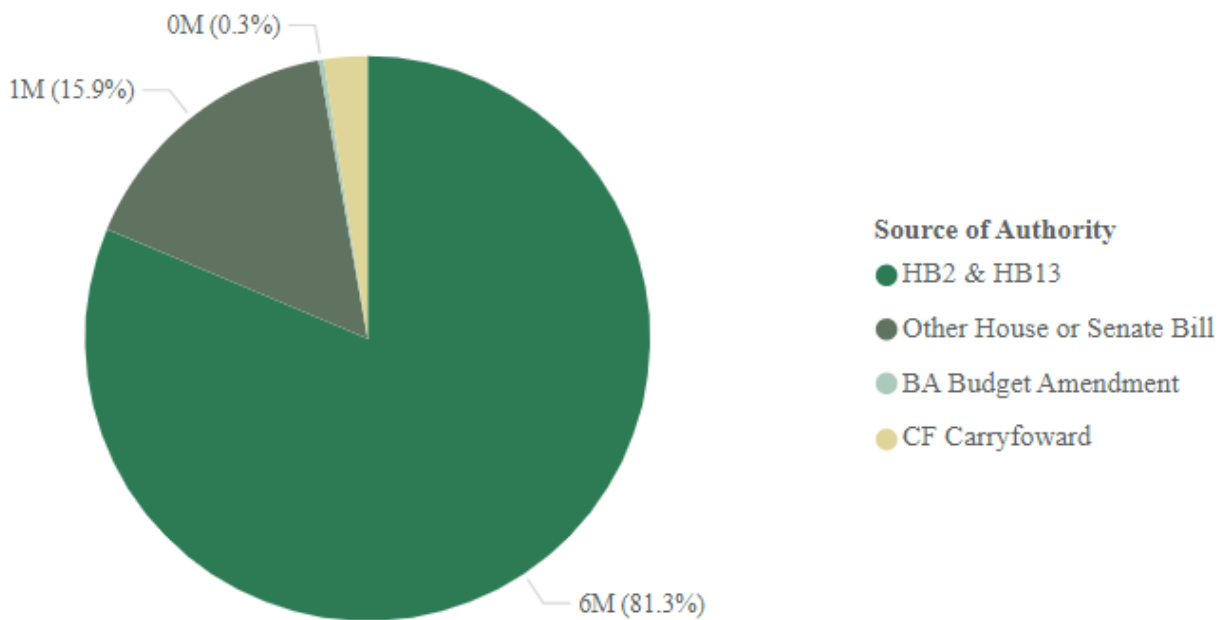
# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(Spending report July 1, 2023 through May 31, 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 81.3% 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.

## Modified Budget & Expended Budget by Source of Authority



Source of Authority	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
HB2 & HB13	5,541,368	4,247,318	76.6%
BA Budget Amendment	19,057		
CF Carryforward	170,235		
Other House or Senate Bill	1,082,000	1,029,658	95.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,812,660</b>	<b>5,276,976</b>	<b>77.5%</b>

## Budget Amendments

The Public Service Commission (PSC) continued \$5,503 in federal budget amendment authority into FY 2024 from FY 2022 for the inspection of underground natural gas storage facilities. No expenditures were made from

this funding which has expired as of September 30, 2023. The PSC also had a budget amendment in FY 2024 for \$13,554 for the inspection of underground natural gas storage facilities that expires December 31, 2024.

### **Other House and Senate Bill Authority**

House Bill 10 provides authority for the REDDI software modernization project. Approximately \$1.1 million has been authorized for this project in FY 2024, and \$1.0 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. Approximately \$84,000 of the carryforward authority is from FY 2022, and the remaining \$87,000 of the carryforward authority is from FY 2023. No expenditures have been made from carryforward authority through May 31, 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	
⊞ Public Service Regulation	304,376	304,376	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	

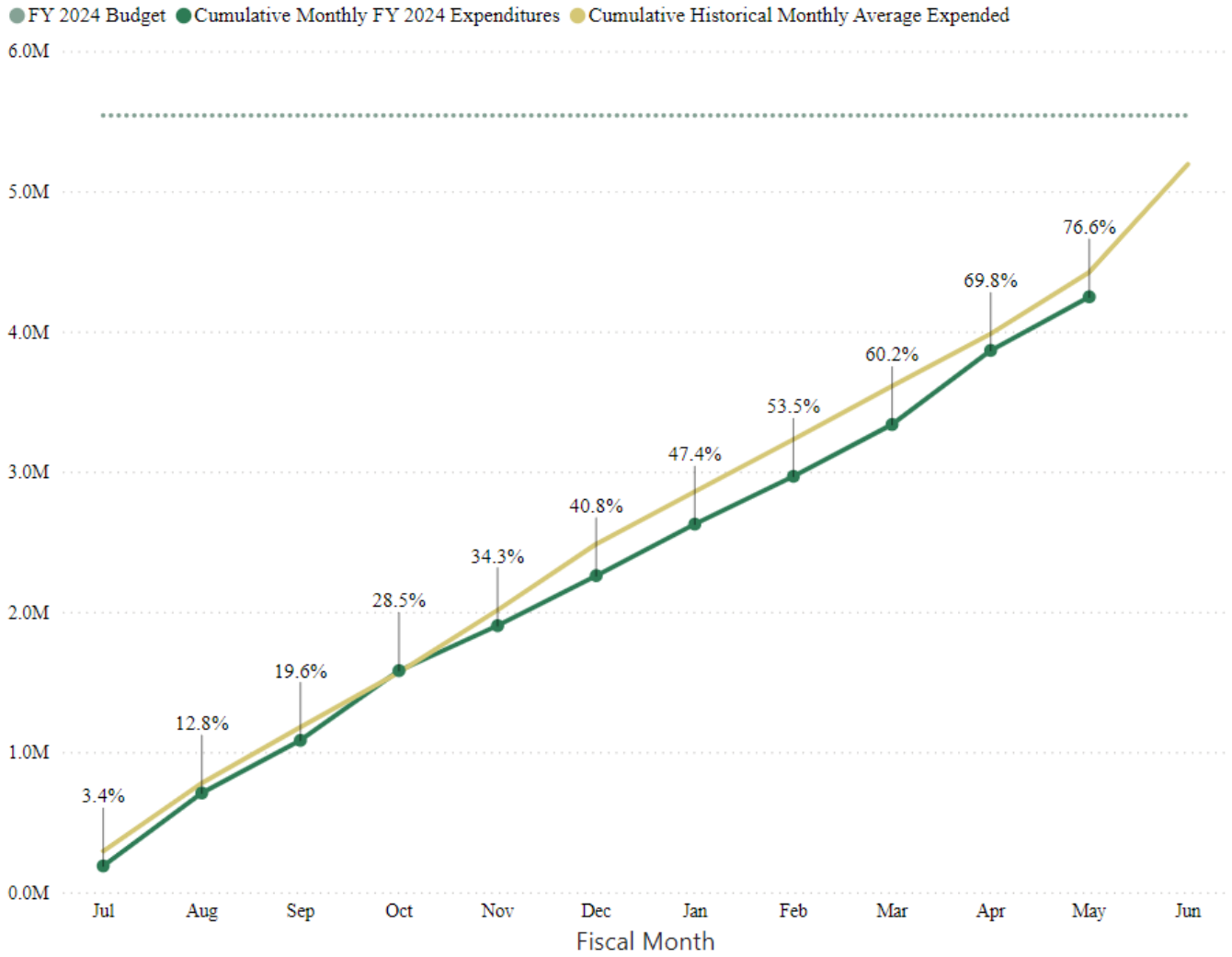
Fund Type	HB 2 Budget	Modified Budget	Net Modifications
⊞ 02 State/Other Spec Rev	5,267,608	5,267,608	
⊞ 03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	273,760	273,760	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	

As seen in the figures above, the PSC has made no modifications to the HB 2 budget through May 31, 2024.

## HB 2 APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The following chart shows the appropriated budget for the agency compared to expenditures through May 31, 2024.

### Monthly Expenditures Compared to Historical Average



Program Name	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
☐ 01 PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION PROG	5,541,368	4,247,318	76.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>4,247,318</b>	<b>76.6%</b>

Expenditure Type	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
☐ Debt Service	304,376	285,415	93.8%
☐ Personal Services	4,156,998	3,427,668	82.5%
☐ Operating Expenses	1,079,994	534,235	49.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>4,247,318</b>	<b>76.6%</b>

Fund Type	Modified Budget	Expended Budget	% Expended
☐ 02 State/Other Spec Rev	5,267,608	4,176,826	79.3%
☐ 03 Fed/Other Spec Rev	273,760	70,492	25.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,541,368</b>	<b>4,247,318</b>	<b>76.6%</b>

The Public Service Commission expended 76.6% of its \$5.5 million HB 2 modified budget through May 31, 2024. This is close to the five-year Olympic average of 79.8% for this time in the fiscal year.

The PSC was provided restricted one-time-only authority of \$80,000 for retirement payouts, of which only \$245 have been spent. The appropriation is biennial and can be spent in either fiscal year.

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

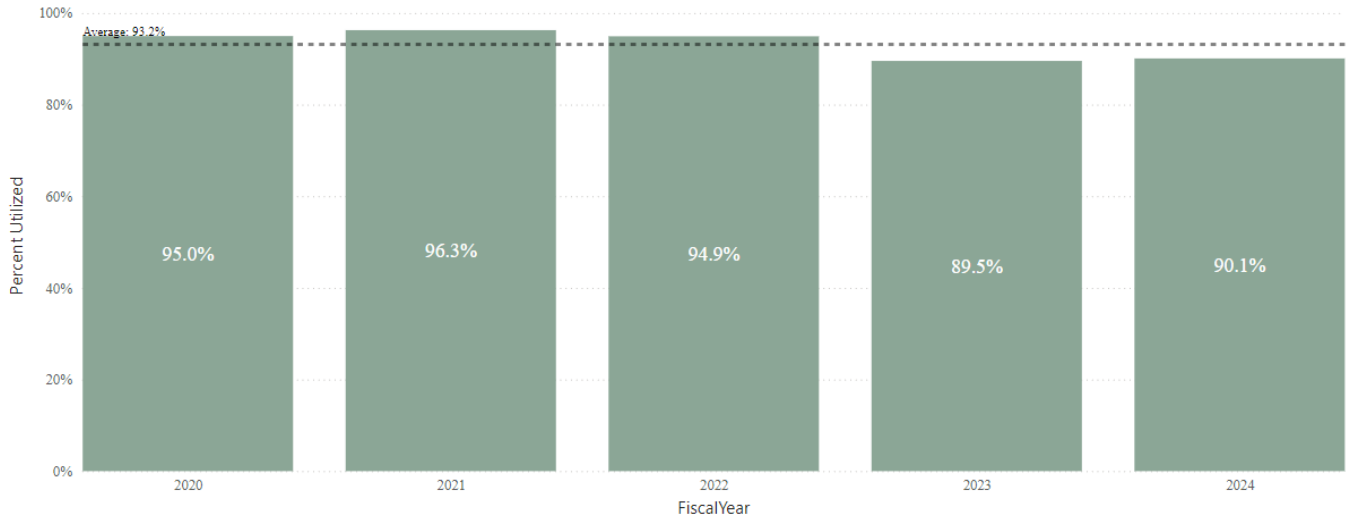
## Personal Services

The following chart shows the filled and vacant FTE within the agency as of May 1, 2024.



In FY 2024, the PSC is authorized for 33.00 FTE within HB 2 serving 5.00 FTE elected positions. The PSC had 31.00 FTE positions filled with 2.00 positions vacant as of May 1, 2024. This is two fewer open positions than in March. Three positions were filled between March and May and one new position became vacant. These positions can be seen in the table provided further down in the report.

The chart below shows the hourly utilization percentage for the PSC between July 1 and May 1 for each fiscal year. Overall, the department has utilized 90.1% of the available hours for FY 2024, as shown in the chart below, which is close to the previous five-year average of 93.2%.



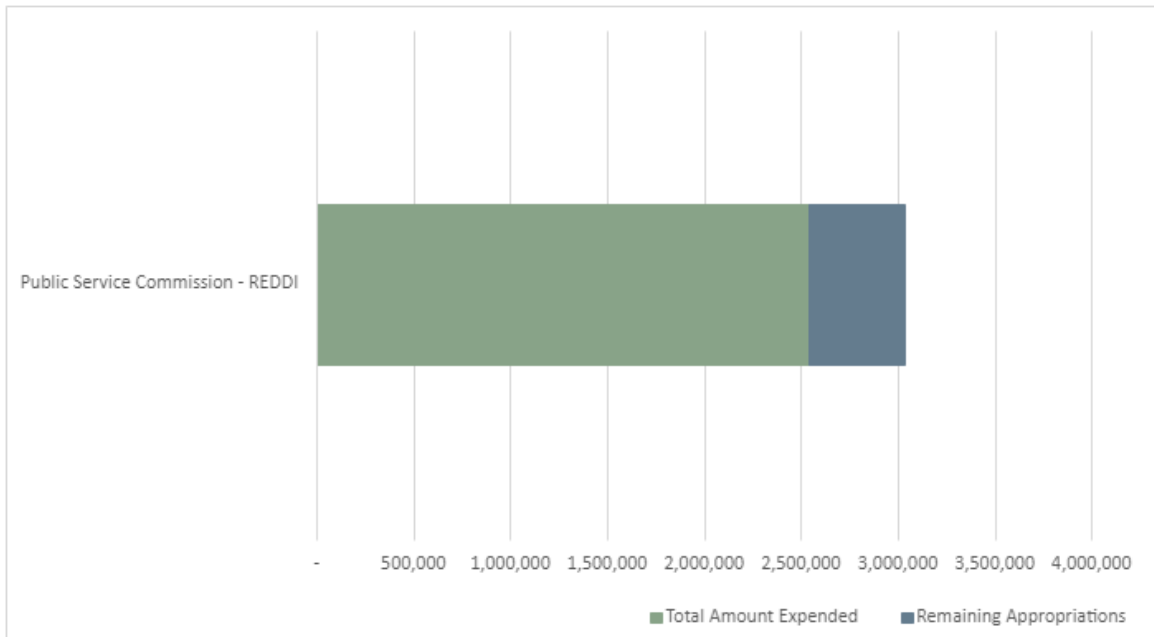
The chart below shows the vacant FTE in the PSC, the number of months each position has been vacant, and the midpoint hourly pay rate. The PSC’s vacant positions have a median of 7.9 months vacant. The PSC has experienced turnover in four positions so far in FY 2024 with one position retiring, another position transferring to a new agency within state government, and two leaving state employment.

### Vacant Positions Report

	FTE	Median Months Vacant	Market Midpoint (Hourly)
42010 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	2.00	7.93	49.00
01 PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION PROG	2.00	7.93	49.00
Lawyer 2	1.00	10.00	55.14
Program Manager	1.00	5.87	42.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>7.93</b>	<b>49.00</b>

## OTHER ISSUES

### Information Technology Project Expenditures



The department has provided more updated information than is reflected in these charts. 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. \$2.7 million of the \$3.3 million revised budget 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, and 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