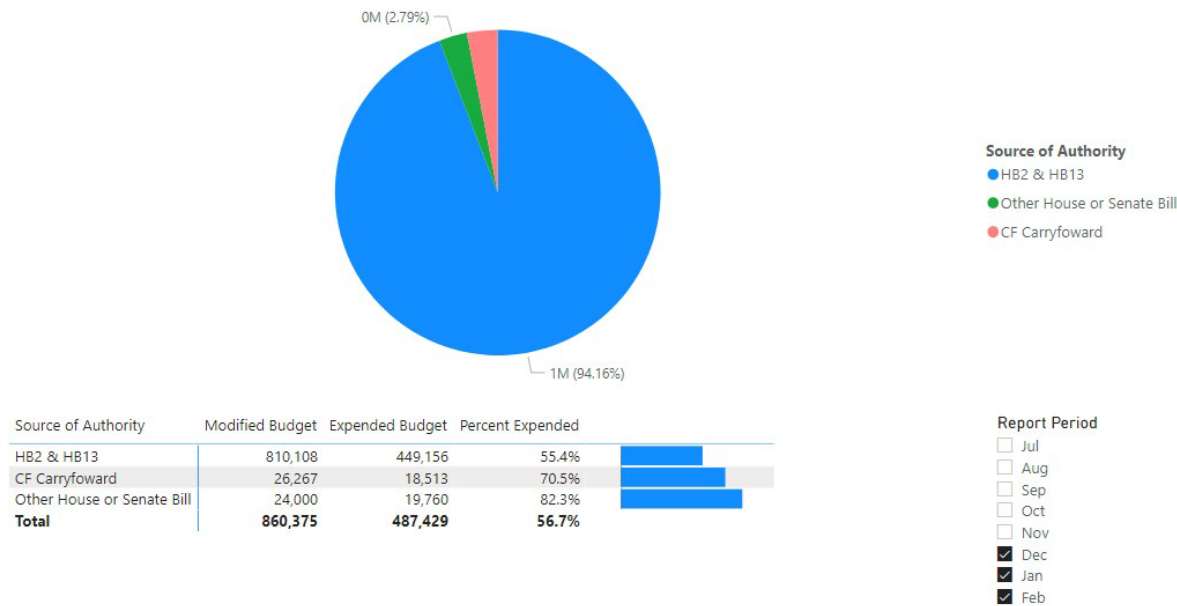


# COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

## TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the agency is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 94.2% 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 and Expended Budget by Source of Authority



## Carryforward

The Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP) has carryforward appropriation authority from FY 2020 of \$26,267 in general fund budgeted as operating expenses, which is available for expenditure in FY 2022. As shown in the figure above, as of the end of February, COPP has expended \$18,513 for legal fees and court costs. The Commissioner of Political Practices was required to defend the constitutionality of the Clean Campaign Act, a statute enacted in 2007. The judge declared for the plaintiff, requiring COPP to pay the plaintiff's legal fees.

## Other Bills

### SB 191 – Revise State Finance Laws

The 2021 Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million in general fund and \$1.0 million in state special revenue to the Office of Budget and Program Planning in the Governor's Office for allocations to state agencies, mainly for costs associated with enacted legislation that did not provide appropriations. The Commissioner of Political Practices received a total of \$24,000 in FY 2022 including:

- \$12,000 for SB 224, a bill revising campaign finance laws and requiring the Commissioner of Political Practices to amend the administrative rules manual to incorporate the changes in the campaign reporting requirements

- \$12,000 for SB 319, a bill that revised campaign finance laws to allow for the creation of joint fundraising committees. These funds will be used to upgrade the campaign electronic reporting system used by the Commissioner of Political Practices for reporting committee participants

This funding is considered one-time-only and as such will not be included in the base budget for the 2025 biennium. As of the end of February, COPP has expended \$9,425 for consulting and professional services related to SB 224 and \$10,335 for consulting and professional services related to SB 319.

## 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 December 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. 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                      | December Modified Budget | March Modified Budget | Net Modifications |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ☐ Commissioner of Political Prac | 810,108                  | 810,108               |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>810,108</b>           | <b>810,108</b>        |                   |

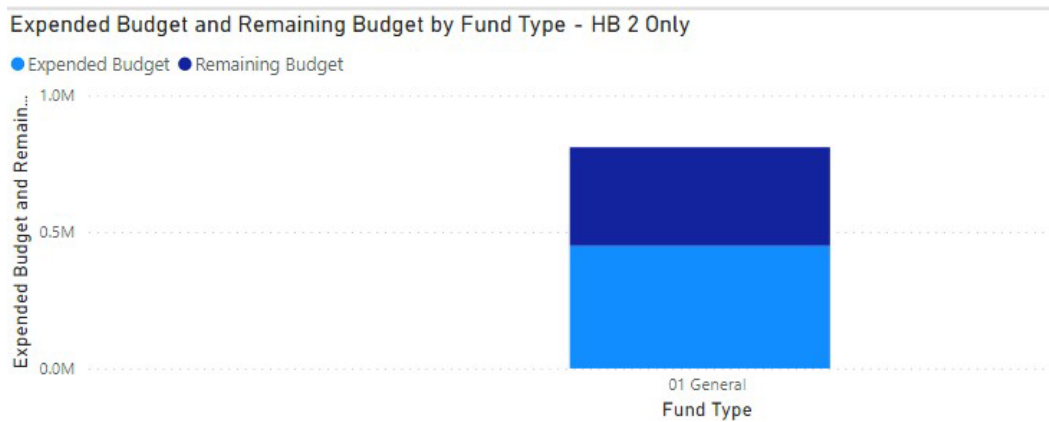
| Acct & Lvl 1 DESC          | December Modified Budget | March Modified Budget | Net Modifications |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ☐ 61000 Personal Services  | 541,923                  | 541,923               |                   |
| ☐ 62000 Operating Expenses | 262,185                  | 262,185               |                   |
| ☐ 68000 Transfers-out      | 6,000                    | 6,000                 |                   |

| Fund Type    | December Modified Budget | March Modified Budget | Net Modifications |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ☐ 01 General | 810,108                  | 810,108               |                   |

Between December 1, 2021 and February 28, 2022, COPP has not modified its HB 2 budget.

## HB 2 APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The following chart shows the appropriated budget for the agency compared to expenditures through February 28, 2022.



| acclv1_descr                                | Modified Budget | Expended Budget | Percent Expended |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Services  | 541,923         | 304,621         | 56.2%            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Expenses | 262,185         | 144,536         | 55.1%            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfers-out      | 6,000           |                 |                  |

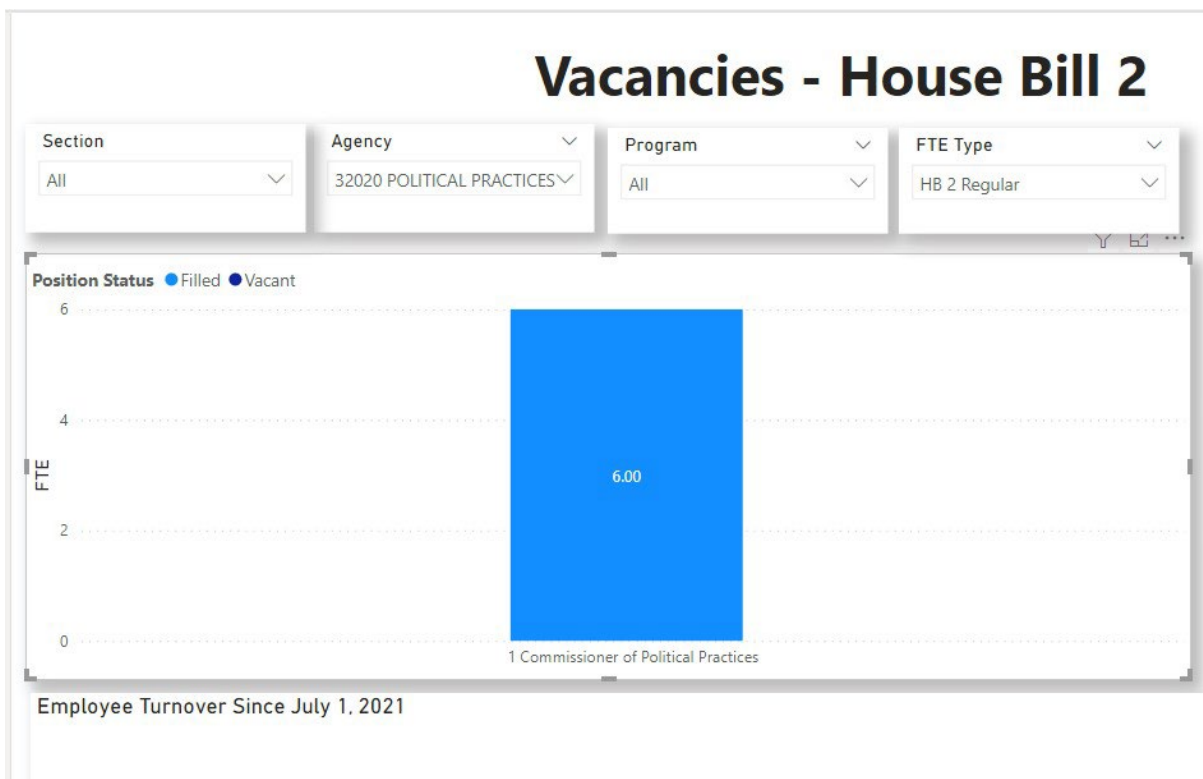
| Program Name                            | Modified Budget | Expended Budget | Percent Expended |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATION | 810,108         | 449,156         | 55.4%            |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>810,108</b>  | <b>449,156</b>  | <b>55.4%</b>     |

The Commissioner of Political Practices is completely funded through the general fund. As of the end of February, 55.4% of the HB 2 modified budget has been expended.

### Personal Services

Personal services make up 66.9% of the HB 2 modified budget.

The following chart shows the filled and vacant FTE within the agency as of February 1, 2022.



The 2021 Legislature provided COPP with an additional FTE for an attorney as one-time-only in the 2023 biennium. The chart above only reflects the ongoing FTE funded in HB 2. All positions within COPP have been filled throughout the fiscal year.

### Next Steps for Personal Services Reporting

In upcoming Quarterly Financial Reports, the LFD will begin the process of a more comprehensive look at personal services. The LFD will compare two executive “snapshots” -- July 2020 and July 2022. The analysis will identify adjustments adopted by the legislature in 2021 and modifications made by the agencies, within the confines of budget law.

The September Quarterly Financial Report will provide the complete comparison from July 2020 to July 2022. Ultimately, the analysis will result in a description of all the components that will be part of the executive’s decision package one (DP 1) 2025 biennium budget request. This work will prepare legislators for budget deliberations in the 2023 session. For a review of how DP 1 works and snapshot components, please read this [short brochure](#) from 2019.

### Operating Expenses

Operating expenses make up 32.4% of the HB 2 modified budget and are 55.1% expended as of the end of February. Consulting and professional services and rent for office space make up 53.7% of the operating expenses.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

### **Required Reports**

The Commissioner of Political Practices did not have any budget amendments, operating plan changes, or program transfers that require reporting to the Legislative Finance Committee.