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Sum Sufficient Reestimate for Special Death Benefits (DWD)

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CURRENT LAW

Under current law, the Department of Workforce Development provides special death benefits from a sum sufficient GPR appropriation to persons who are wholly or partially dependent on certain public servants if that public servant becomes partially disabled, permanently disabled, or deceased in the line of duty. Public servants whose dependents may receive special death benefits include: (a) law enforcement officers; (b) correctional officers; (c) fire fighters; (d) rescue squad members; (e) diving team members; (f) national guard members; (g) state defense force members; and (h) employees or volunteers performing emergency management activities during a state of emergency.

GOVERNOR

Delete \$52,500 GPR annually from the special death benefits appropriation as a part of the Governor's budget efficiency measures.

MODIFICATION

Increase funding for special death benefits by \$52,500 GPR annually to reflect the current estimate for this sum sufficient appropriation.

Explanation: The appropriation for special death benefits is a sum sufficient appropriation. Amounts shown in the appropriation schedule reflect current estimates of anticipated payments. DWD estimates the cost of this appropriation at \$525,000, annually, which reflects the base amount submitted by the agency. The administration has submitted an erratum to increase funding for special death benefits by \$52,500, annually, to reflect the Department's estimate. The modification would increase estimated expenditures by

\$105,000 GPR over the 2011-13 biennium.

	Change to Bill Funding
GPR	\$105,000

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