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Health and Human Services

Hon. Patty Berg, Chair





## Restoration of Redirected Program Staff

At the March 12th hearing, the Subcommittee directed the LAO to identify opportunities to use available special funds or federal funds to backfill some of the program positions redirected to the administration of the new Department of Public Health. The LAO has identified the following positions:

Branch	Classification	Position Description	Fund	Estimated Cost
Food, Drug, and Radiation Safety	Associate Health Physicist	The position completes application reviews for: (1) mammography machines/facilities; (2) mammography physicist approvals; (3) therapy physicists approvals; (4) physicist renewals; (5) oncology authorizations to measure; (6) oncology authorizations to treat; (7) amendments to oncology authorizations; (8) evaluations of high-energy X-ray machines; (9) evaluations of new X-ray technology; (10) tracking mammography compliance history and liaison with the Radiologic Health Branch (RHB) X-Ray Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement program.	Radiation Control Fund	\$96,000
Drinking Water—Field Operations	Associate Sanitary Engineer	The position in the Policy Development Unit is responsible for activities relating to fluoridation, bill analyses, drinking water policy and procedure development, and preparing work plans and reports for the public water system supervision grant and for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.	Safe Drinking Water Account	112,000
Drinking Water—Field Operations	Office Technician	The position is responsible for administrative and clerical functions for conducting the drinking water regulatory program (for the Southern California Field Operations Branch Chief, the Central California Section Chief, and the engineering staff in the Merced Office).	Safe Drinking Water Account	47,000
Food, Drug, and Radiation Safety	Associate Health Physicist	The position is in the Radioactive Materials Inspection, Compliance, and Enforcement Section within RHB. It conducts inspections and investigations in accordance with RHB guidance. It inspects and investigates problems relating to the use of radioactive materials and evaluates licensees' compliance with regulations and health and safety criteria. It also provides recommendations and support for the prompt revocation, suspension, or termination of licenses, as required, to stop or prevent the unauthorized or unsafe use of radioactive materials and to protect the public health.	Radiation Control Fund	96,000

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Environmental and Occupational Disease Control—Birth Defects Monitor	Associate Safety Engineer	The position researches and reviews existing and proposed lead hazard reduction safety and health regulations and policies and provides consultation regarding their application to and impact on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, other governmental agencies, and various stakeholder groups. It also conducts in-house documentation audits and on-site construction inspections and surveys to determine compliance with California's occupational health/safety and lead safe housing laws, and state lead-safe work practice regulations.	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund	\$112,000
Communicable Disease—Tuberculosis	Office Technician	The position is the primary receptionist for the branch, completes a variety of support tasks for branch professional staff and orders branch supplies.	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Fund	47,000
Children's Medical Services	Management Services Technician	The position reviews applications from providers interested in participating in the California Children's Services Program and Genetically Handicapped Persons Program to ensure qualifications for panel participation are met. It reviews program policies and procedures related to provider paneling to explore ways to improve operational efficiency. (This position is in the Department of Health Care Services.)	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund	55,000
Women, Infants, and Children	Office Technician	The position provides general administrative support to Women, Infants, and Children management staff.	Federal Funds	47,000
Genetic Disease	Staff Services Analyst/Associate Governmental Program Analyst	The position works in the Genetic Disease Branch performing the duties of Personnel Liaison. The position functions as the lead staff person on a wide variety of personnel transactions, including hiring, preparation of Request for Personnel Action, vacancy reports, and benefit packages.	Genetic Disease Testing Fund	77,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$689,000</b>