

#### Commerce Department Governor's Budget Recommendations



#### **Insurance Division Additional Funding**

- \$200,000 annual increase in the General Fund appropriation for existing, core functions within the Insurance Division
- Preserves continuity of operations, core services
- Examination and licensure of insurance companies
- Review and approval of insurance forms and policies

## **Additional Securities Staff**

- \$260,000 annual General Fund increase to hire two additional securities unit staff
- Currently, nine securities staff oversee:
  - 172,000 investment professionals
  - Over 1,200 franchises
- Of those nine, a unit of three staff oversee:
  - The management of over \$9.6 Billion of Minnesotans' assets under management.

## **Additional Change Items**

Change Item	Description
Operating Adjustment	<ul> <li>GF increase during FY22-23 covers employee compensation growth, known rent and IT increases</li> </ul>
Debt Buyer Regulation	<ul> <li>Including debt buyers in definition of a collection agency</li> <li>Small increase in licensing revenue</li> </ul>
Fee Increase in Insurance	<ul> <li>\$504,000 in GF revenue</li> <li>Increases in four specific fees, three of which have been static since 1987 and one since 1967</li> </ul>
Technical Change Items	
Securities Unit Relocation	<ul> <li>Internal transfer to align with current Department organizational structure, no fiscal impact</li> </ul>
Insurance Exam Revolving Fund Relocation	<ul> <li>Internal transfer to align with current Department organizational structure, no fiscal impact</li> </ul>
Non-Departmental Budget Account Change Items	
Transfer from Premium Security Plan Account	<ul> <li>State reinsurance program is carried as a Commerce budget item</li> <li>Sunset of program reflects current law</li> </ul>

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