



Commerce Department Governor's Budget Recommendations

What does Commerce do?

Protect all Minnesotans
in their everyday financial transactions by
investigating and evaluating services, and
advocating that the services
be fair, accessible, and affordable.

Leadership team

- Temporary Commissioner Grace Arnold
- Chief Deputy Commissioner Anne O'Connor
- Energy Resources - Deputy Commissioner Aditya Ranade
- Energy Resources - Asst Commissioner Katherine Blauvelt
- Financial Institutions - Deputy Commissioner Max Zappia
- Insurance – Deputy Commissioner Grace Arnold
- Gov't Affairs & External Relations - Assistant Commissioner Peter Brickwedde
- Enforcement - Assistant Commissioner Matt Vatter

What are Commerce's services?

Protecting all Minnesotans in their everyday financial transactions in these areas

Financial
Institutions

Insurance

Energy
Resources

Unclaimed
Property

Enforcement

Telecommunications

Licensing

Senior financial fraud

Petrofund

Weights &
Measures

Consumer
Service Center

Division of Energy Resources

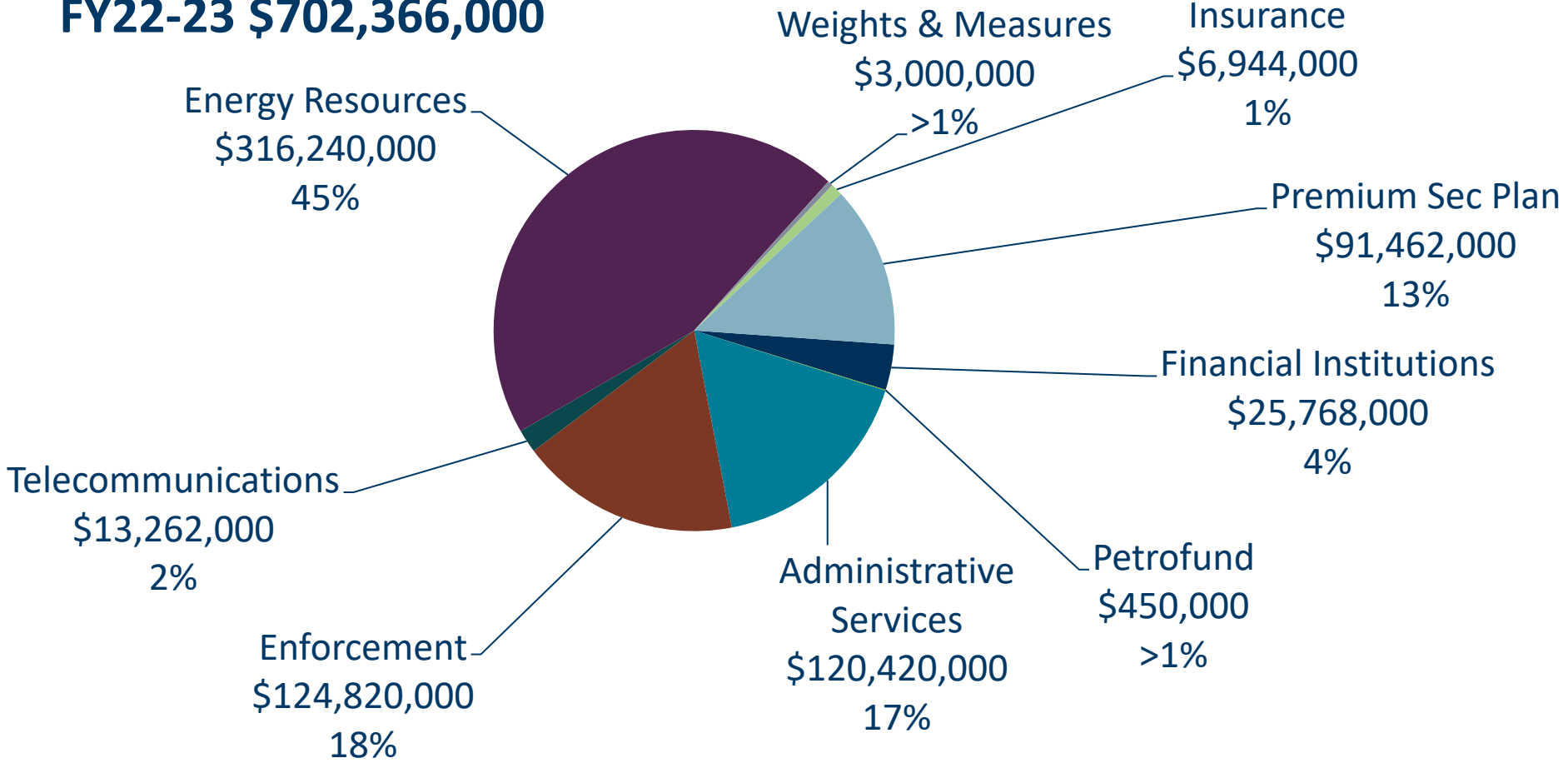
- Promote clean, reliable and affordable energy for Minnesota businesses and homes
- Advocate on behalf of public interest in state and federal regulatory proceedings
- Maintain state emergency energy planning and recovery plans
- Oversee the Conservation Improvement Program, including Conservation Applied Research & Development
- Promote energy-efficient buildings and emerging energy technologies
- Administer the Home Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Petrofund

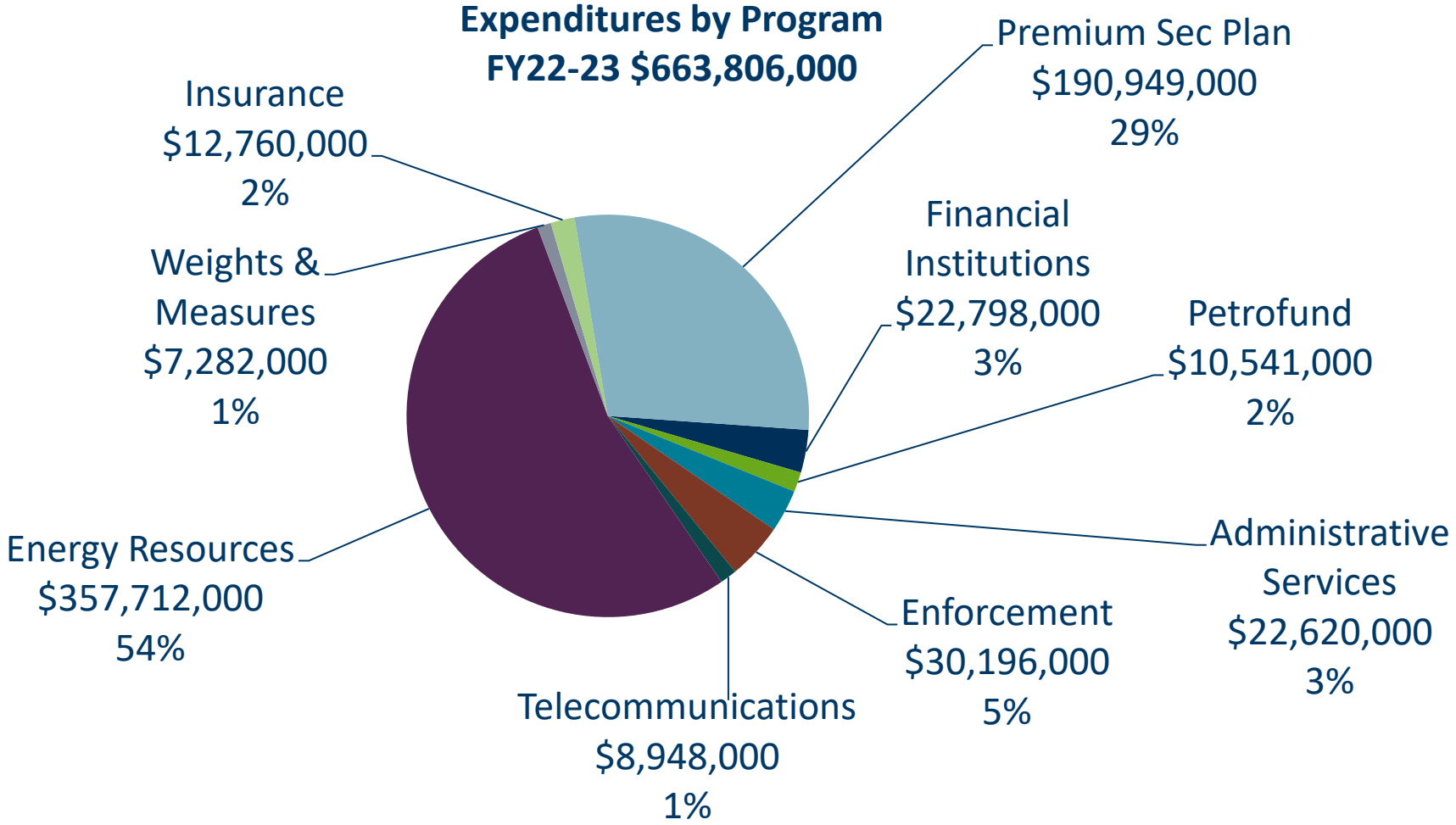
- Manage the state's program for providing assistance to address leaking petroleum storage tanks
 - Leaks from petroleum storage tanks are one of the nation's leading causes of groundwater pollution
- 13,300 = Number of leak sites addressed since 1987
- \$460 million = Approximate number of reimbursements paid out to eligible applicants since 1987
- Over 550 = Abandoned underground petroleum storage tanks removed from approximately 360 properties since 2004

Department of Commerce FY22-23 Revenue by Program

Revenue by Program FY22-23 \$702,366,000



Department of Commerce FY22-23 Expenditures by Program



MINNESOTA'S



COVID-19 RECOVERY BUDGET

2022-2023 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Utility Grid Reliability Administrator Sunset Repeal

- Repeals the sunset date of the Energy Planning and Systems assessment
 - Currently set to sunset on June 30, 2021
- Provides funding for participation in regional and federal electric and natural gas reliability oversight
- Includes Minnesota's representation with:
 - the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO),
 - the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO, a transmission reliability organization),
 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and
 - other regional and federal agencies

Petrofund Sunset Repeal

- Eliminates the Petrofund Program Repealer
 - The Program is currently set to be repealed on June 30, 2022
- Also, expands the eligibility of the Petrofund Abandoned Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal Program
 - Would include abandoned tanks located on properties that have been taken over by the State due to tax forfeiture
 - Approximately 30 tax-forfeited properties are estimated to qualify for tank removals if this legislation is passed

Healthy AIR Program Funding Transfer

- Keeps the current funding level of \$150,000 per year
 - Moves the Healthy AIR appropriation from the General Fund to the Renewable Development Account
- Healthy AIR, or the Asbestos Insulation Remediation program, pays for removal of hazardous vermiculite insulation in the homes of low-income Minnesotans
- Healthy AIR is provided as a pre-weatherization measure
 - The Weatherization Assistance Program is unable to assist households where vermiculite insulation is present because it often contains asbestos, which is known to cause cancer

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