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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**  
**RESPONSE TO DLS FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET ANALYSIS**

House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Public Safety and Administration  
February 22, 2017

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Subcommittee on Public Safety, Transportation, and Environment  
February 27, 2017

**RECOMMENDED ACTION NO. 1**

**Eliminate funding for an increase in contractual employee compensation. These funds are being denied due to the fiscal condition of the State and as a matter of equity for other contractual State employees.**

The agency does not concur with this recommended action. The increase in contractual salaries is not due to a proposed increase in compensation in FY18, but is instead due to two additional contractual positions being filled in FY 17 (\$48,000) as well as salary increments given to our contractual staff in FY17 (\$38,000). These items are not included in the contractual salaries line item for the FY17 appropriation because they were implemented after the appropriation was approved but they are included in the contractual salaries line item for the FY18 appropriation request.

Reducing the funding by \$85,872 would cause the agency to not be able to fully fund our existing contractual positions. Our contractual positions are primarily security officers for our courtrooms and not funding their salaries would be a significant risk to the safety of our employees as well as members of the public who appear in our courtrooms across the state on a daily basis.

The agency requests that our special funds not be reduced by \$85,872.