House Fiscal Advisory Staff

Budget Analysis Fiscal Year 2016



Submitted to the 2015 House of Representatives

House Committee on Finance

Hon. Raymond E. Gallison, Jr. Chair

Hon. Eileen S. Naughton Deputy Chair Chair, Subcommittee on Human Services

Hon. John M. Carnevale Vice Chair Chair, Subcommittee on Public Safety

Hon. Robert B. Jacquard Secretary Chair, Subcommittee on Education

Hon. Scott A. Slater Chair, Subcommittee on General Government Hon. Deborah Ruggiero Chair, Subcommittee on Environment/Transportation

Hon. Marvin L. Abney

Hon. Gregg Amore

Hon. Jean-Phillipe Barros

Hon. Antonio Giarrusso

Hon. Joy Hearn

Hon. Raymond A. Hull

Hon. Jan Malik

Hon. Kenneth A. Marshall

Hon. Patricia L. Morgan

Hon. Daniel P. Reilly

Hon. Patricia A. Serpa

Hon. Teresa Ann Tanzi

Hon. Carlos E. Tobon

House Fiscal Advisory Staff

Budget Analysis Fiscal Year 2016



Submitted to the 2015 House of Representatives

Upon introduction of the annual state budget to the House on behalf of the Governor, the budget shall be referred to the finance committee. Within two (2) weeks following receipt thereof, the finance committee's fiscal advisor shall provide to each member of the House a concise summary of budget issues.

House Resolution adopting Rules of the House of Representatives for the Years 2015 - 2016

Table of Contents

		Page
Section I	Budget at a Glance	1
Section II	Statewide Overview	27
Section III	Agency Analyses	
Gener	al Government Agencies	
Huma	Department of Administration Department of Business Regulation Executive Office of Commerce Department of Labor and Training Department of Revenue Legislature. Office of the Lieutenant Governor Office of the Secretary of State Office of the General Treasurer Rhode Island Board of Elections Rhode Island Ethics Commission Office of the Governor Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights Public Utilities Commission.	73 79 87 95 105 107 109 115 119 123 125
Educa	Office of Health and Human Services. Department of Children, Youth and Families. Department of Health Department of Human Services Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. Office of the Child Advocate Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Governor's Commission on Disabilities Office of the Mental Health Advocate.	161 171 187 207 221 223
	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Public Higher Education Rhode Island Council on the Arts Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission	245 275 279 281

Public Safety Agencies

	Office of the Attorney General Department of Corrections Judicial Department Military Staff Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency Department of Public Safety	295 303 311 315
Nat	Office of the Public Defender tural Resources Agencies	331
Na	Department of Environmental Management	
Tra	ansportation Agencies	
	Department of Transportation	347
Section IV	Capital Budget	363
Section V	FY 2015 Revised Budget	491
Section VI	Special Reports	
Edu Rev Sta Me Me	te Aid to Local Government	717 753 759 777
Section VI	Summary Tables	
Exp Exp Exp Exp Exp	neral Revenues Denditures from All Funds Denditures from General Revenue Denditures from Federal Grants Denditures from Restricted Receipts Denditures from Other Funds I-Time Equivalent Positions	
House Fiee	al Advisory Staff	Back Cover

House Fiscal Advisory Staff

Robert E. Carr Legal Counsel

Ruth Desmarais

Administrative Assistant

Hideilda Flores

Administrative Assistant

Sharon Reynolds Ferland House Fiscal Advisor

Linda M. Haley Principal Legislative Budget Analyst

Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Behavioral Healthcare,
Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
Office of the Mental Health Advocate
Office of the Attorney General

John H. Hart Legislative Budget Analyst

Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Board of Elections
RI Commission for Human Rights
Office of the Public Defender
Department of Environmental Management
Coastal Resources Management Council
RI Clean Water Finance Agency
Narragansett Bay Commission
RI Resource Recovery Corporation

Stephanie Loven

Senior Legislative Budget Analyst

Department of Labor and Training
Department of Human Services
Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education

Abby E. McQuade Legislative Budget Analyst

Department of Revenue RI Ethics Commission Public Utilities Commission Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission Department of Public Safety

Christopher O'Brien Committee Clerk

Jarrod M. Pimentel Legislative Budget Analyst

Department of Children, Youth and Families
Office of the Child Advocate
Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Governor's Commission on Disabilities
RI Council on the Arts
RI Atomic Energy Commission
Military Staff
RI Emergency Management Agency

Liza Pinto Deputy House Fiscal Advisor

Legislature
Office of the General Treasurer
Public Higher Education
RI Higher Education Assistance Authority

Chantale Sarrasin

Principal Legislative Budget Analyst

Department of Administration Department of Business Regulation Executive Office of Commerce Office of the Governor Department of Health

John-Paul Verducci Senior Legislative Budget Analyst

Department of Corrections
Judicial Department
Department of Transportation
RI Public Transit Authority
Turnpike and Bridge Authority
RI Airport Corporation