

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Statehouse, Room 545-S

and

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Statehouse, Room 111-N

Dear Senator Billinger and Representative Waymaster:

The items contained in this memo, Governor's Budget Amendment No. 1, amend the budget that I submitted to you earlier this month. The items reflect current issues that have arisen or changes that can be made based on current information. Total adjustments to expenditures are shown below.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
State General Fund	\$ --	\$ (5,500,000)
All Other Funds	<u>--</u>	<u>505,000</u>
All Funds	\$ --	\$ (4,995,000)

## Department of Corrections

### 1. JAG-K Correction

The Governor's Budget Report (GBR) that was prepared by the Division of the Budget contained an error. The GBR, as well as the enabling legislation, included enhanced funding totaling \$6.0 million from the State General Fund for the Department of Corrections JAG-K program. My intent was to increase funding for the program by \$500,000, which would have brought total program funding to \$6.0 million. Therefore, I amend my budget to reduce funding from the Evidence Based Programs account of the State General Fund by \$5.5 million to match my original intent.

<b>Expenditure</b>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
State General Fund	\$ --	\$ (5,500,000)
All Other Funds	--	--
All Funds	\$ --	\$ (5,500,000)

## Highway Patrol

### 2. Cloud Migration Costs

The Highway Patrol faces a critical deadline to replace its end-of-life servers and IT hardware by June 30, 2026, as the current infrastructure is set to lose vendor support. The 2025 Legislature approved \$800,000 to replace on-premises servers. After the legislative session issues regarding on-premises replacement of servers were identified and a full cloud migration was initially planned. The plan proved to be infeasible because latency tests under realistic conditions failed to meet the real-time performance requirements of the agency's law enforcement systems. The Highway Patrol and the Office of Information Technology Services considered options for addressing this critical issue. The agencies developed a hybrid solution to keep latency-sensitive, mission-critical law enforcement systems on-premises while migrating less time-sensitive functions like cybersecurity monitoring and help desk services to the cloud. This approach provides predictable, contracted costs over the next seven to ten years through the OITS Data Center as a Service platform. The ongoing cloud server and storage costs associated with this migration are \$505,000 per year. To support the agency's migration efforts, I amend my budget to include \$505,000 from the Highway Patrol Operations Fund in FY 2027.

<b>Expenditure</b>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
State General Fund	\$ --	\$ --
All Other Funds	--	505,000
All Funds	\$ --	\$ 505,000

Sincerely,



Laura Kelly, Governor