

Commission on Hispanic Affairs

FY25 (supplemental)

- Travel - Retract DP in full

Considerations: With the incoming federal administration and their language used when speaking about the Latino/Hispanic community, I am going to prioritize the safety of our staff and commissioners by shifting our commission meetings to a virtual setting. I will also limit the travel of our staff, especially to rural areas where a call for help could be prolonged. With the impending needs of our community, we will allow for travel on an as-needed basis.

25-27 Biennium

- Travel - Reduce current travel budget from \$27, 316 to \$15,000 each FY for a total savings of \$30,000 for the biennium.

Considerations: Travel will be prioritized for the community development staff to respond to community needs. Commission meetings will remain virtual.

- Stipends - Reduce ongoing appropriation of lived experience stipends from \$70,000 to \$50,000 for a total savings of \$20,000 for the biennium.

Considerations: With a reduced amount of travel, we foresee our staff being able to pick up required statutory meetings instead of asking community members to attend. While this is not ideal, because our team of 8 will never be able to fully represent the diverse lived experiences of our community, we believe this is a good opportunity to provide developmental opportunities for our staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

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