

# Legislative Newsletter

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## Governor's Budget Recommendations Released

Budget subcommittees met early in the week to review budget recommendations from the Governor's Office. Reductions are expected in many key areas, including Dept. of Human Services (a reduction of \$20.3 million, or just more than 4.5 percent), Medicaid (a reduction of \$13.9 million), and the judicial branch (a reduction of \$7.7 million, or roughly 4.3 percent). The Medicaid cuts are particularly alarming in light of mental health funding not being addressed as a priority in the Condition of the State.

House Files and House Study Bills were introduced in the last week. One, which was discussed on Friday's conference call, would abolish county compensation boards. The UCC has registered as monitoring on this legislation; as discussed on Friday's call, this bill isn't a one-size-fits-all for all the counties. The UCC does not seem to be leaning in one way or another on this issue yet, as mental funding and the backfill continue to be the most imperative issues.

Urban County representatives will be at the capitol Jan. 31 to meet with local senators and representatives on priorities.

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