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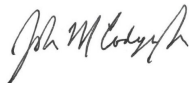
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer 

Date: May 11, 2026

Subject: Amendments to FY 2027 Appropriations Act (26-H-7127)

Governor's Budget Amendment #9

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2027 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2027. In general, these amendments seek to correct omissions in recommended appropriations while remaining consistent with the Governor's original intent. In cases in which the amendments reflect updated policy intent or assumptions, a description of each amendment requested is provided below.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
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ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2027

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2027

Department of Administration

Decrease Other Funds - Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds – Big River Management Area, Page 4, Line 9 by \$593,000 from \$746,000 to \$153,000. This amendment supersedes and replaces the adjustments made in Governor’s Budget Amendment #2. This amendment aligns the capital budget recommendation with the proposed transfer of the Big River Management Area from the Department of Administration to the Department of Environmental Management and retains funding for the core responsibilities of the Water Resources Board within DOA (27-DOA1).

Reduce the fund schedule in DOA – Big River Management Area, Page 38, Line 20, to FY 2028 “153,000,” FY 2029 “154,000,” FY 2030 “264,000,” and FY 2031 “214,000” (27-DOA1).

Decrease General Revenues for the Debt Service Payments program, Page 4, Line 34 by \$1,298,883 from \$176,670,576 to \$175,371,693. This amendment reflects 1.) A decrease of \$954,054 for the Fidelity FMR II Job Rent Credits debt service as a result of available reserve funds available to cover remaining debt service in full and 2) A decrease of \$344,829 to reflect actual FY 2027 general obligation debt service from the recent issuance of 2026 Series A and B bonds issued on April 22, 2026 (27-DOA2).

Department of Revenue

Increase General Revenues for the State Aid program, specifically, the Distressed Communities Relief Fund, Page 10, Line 8, by \$200,000, from \$14,884,458 to \$15,084,458. The Governor’s recommended budget was developed using the most recent census data available at the time of submission. Subsequently released updated census data revised eligibility for the Distressed Communities Relief Fund to include East Providence. This amendment provides additional resources to support the Fund in light of the updated eligibility (27-DOR1).

Department of Human Services

Net-zero amendment to General Revenue for the Office of Healthy Aging program, Page 17, Line 21, which cost allocates \$201,662 of funding across Home Care, Adult Day Care, and Case Management programs. Originally, all OHIC rate increase funds were budgeted to the Home Care program (27-DHS1).

Net-zero amendment to Federal Funds for the Office of Healthy Aging program, Page 17, Line 26, which cost allocates \$276,324 of funding across Home Care, Adult Day Care, and Case Management programs. Originally, all OHIC rate increase funds were budgeted to the Home Care program (27-DHS2).

Department of Environmental Management

Increase Other Funds - Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds, Page 30, after Line 31 by \$593,000 and Inserting: "Big River Management Area". This amendment supersedes and replaces the adjustments made in Governor's Budget Amendment #2. This amendment aligns the capital budget recommendation with the proposed transfer of the Big River Management Area from the Department of Administration to the Department of Environmental Management and retains funding for the core responsibilities of the Water Resources Board within DOA (27-DEM1).

Insert "DEM - Big River Management Area," Page 40, after Line 28, along with the following fund schedule: FY 2028 "589,000," FY 2029 "638,000," FY 2030 "523,000," and FY 2031 "573,000" (27-DEM1).

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2027 Appropriations Act (26-H-7127)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (27-AGENCY#)
FY 2027 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	5,954,746,755	5,640,161,557	460,765,791	2,937,689,227	14,993,363,330	
May 2026 Amendments						
Department of Administration						
<i>Big River Management Area Capital Project Transfer</i>				(593,000)	(593,000)	27-DOA1
<i>Fidelity Job Rent Credits - FMR II and 2026 General Obligation Bonds series A&B Debt Service</i>	(1,298,883)				(1,298,883)	27-DOA2
Department of Revenue						
<i>Distressed Communities Relief Fund Increase</i>	200,000				200,000	27-DOR1
Department of Human Services						
<i>Net Zero OHA OHIC Program Split (GR)</i>	-				-	27-DHS1
<i>Net Zero OHA OHIC Program Split (FF)</i>		-			-	27-DHS2
Department of Environmental Management						
<i>Big River Management Area Capital Project Transfer</i>				593,000	593,000	27-DEM1
Total	(1,098,883)	-	-	-	(1,098,883)	
Grand Total	5,953,647,872	5,640,161,557	460,765,791	2,937,689,227	14,992,264,447	