

**LEGISLATURE ADVANCES OVER \$1 BILLION FOR CHAMBER PRIORITIES**

The Massachusetts House and Senate proposals to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and supplemental budget revenues include funding for numerous Chamber priorities, including workforce and skills development programs, hospitality and tourism, and unemployment insurance trust fund relief.

The branches agree on many priorities, such as a \$500 million transfer to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, but there are some differences among the two bills. The Senate proposal emphasizes housing production and mental health services, while the House proposal includes higher funding levels for workforce development and local public health systems.

The Legislature will form a conference committee to resolve the differences between the chambers, with a goal of passing a final spending bill by Wednesday, November 17.

Key Items in the House Proposal			
Item Number	Funding Source	Amount	Subject Area
1599-2026	Federal	\$125 million	Grant program for cultural nonprofits.
1599-2027	Supplemental	\$150 million	For workforce skills training primarily for workers dislocated from the pandemic. Programs include career technical institutes, rapid reemployment contracting, learn-to-earn, as well as additional training models.
1599-2036	Federal	\$65 million	For a youth-at-risk summer jobs program.
1599-2037	Federal	\$265 million	\$140 million for various workforce training initiatives and youth educational services, \$100 million for vocational and career technical school capital improvements and \$25 million for the Endowment Incentive Program, which provides \$1 in state matching funds for every \$2 raised by private fundraising by public colleges and universities.
1599-3000	Federal	\$60 million	For the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for small businesses grants to cover ongoing costs such as employee payroll and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, utilities and interest on other debt obligations.
7003-0102	Supplemental	\$10 million	Direct funding for workforce development initiatives such as \$100,000 for MissionSAFE of Boston for the expansion of pre-apprenticeship and job skills programming.
7002-1530	Supplemental	\$63 million	Direct funding for cultural and tourism projects such as \$1 million for the New England Aquarium Corporation for maintenance upgrades and other improvements necessary for the operation of facilities.

Key Items in the House Proposal			
Item Number	Funding Source	Amount	Subject Area
-	Federal	\$500 million	For replenishing a portion of the deficit in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,238 million</b>	

Key Items in the Senate Proposal*			
Item Number	Funding Source	Amount	Subject Area
1599-2037	Federal	\$105 million	Workforce and career technical school training including the development and operation of career technical institutes in vocational technical schools to build out industry recognized credentialing pathways.
1599-2038	Federal	\$100 million	For capital improvement grants for vocational high schools including the establishment and upgrading of new and existing career and technical educational programs.
1599-2041	Federal	\$30 million	For supporting high-demand workforce training programs.
1599-2042	Federal	\$50 million	For the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation for small businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic and for businesses that focus on reaching markets predominantly made up of socially and economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented groups.
1599-2043	Federal	\$76 million	For a grant program benefiting cultural and tourism organizations recovering from the pandemic. Funding may be used for facility upgrades, technology, and infrastructure upgrades, working capital, and additional uses.
1599-2046	Federal	\$30 million	For the Endowment Incentive Program, which provides \$1 in state matching funds for every \$2 raised by private fundraising by public colleges and universities.
1599-20XX	Federal	\$10 million	For an advertising campaign to attract out-of-state visitors and help rebuild the hospitality and tourism industries.
-	Federal	\$500 million	For replenishing a portion of the deficit in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$901 million</b>	

\*District-specific funding amendments with no corresponding line item were added during the Senate debate process and are not reflected in the above chart.

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