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Representative Koppelman:

This email is in response to your question regarding Senate Bill No. 2290. The engrossed bill would require the Emergency Commission and Budget Section to approve state agency requests for increased spending authority that are \$5 million or more but do not exceed \$100 million. The thresholds in the bill would apply to individual requests and not to the total of all requests. For example, in September 2020, the Budget Section approved 11 requests totaling \$108.4 million. The \$100 million threshold in the bill would not have applied because no individual request exceeded \$100 million.

Below is information regarding requests approved by the Budget Section for the last three interims:

- 2015-17 interim – Budget Section approved 12 requests for increased spending authority totaling \$3.1 million – largest request was \$1.26 million
- 2017-18 interim – Budget Section approved 5 requests for increased spending authority totaling \$31.4 million – largest request was \$18 million
- 2019-20 interim – Budget Section approved 54 requests for increased spending authority totaling \$1.92 billion – largest request was \$524.2 million - four requests exceeded \$100 million

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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