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MEMORANDUM

To: Department Directors and Agency Heads
From: Brian Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget 
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Subject: Rescission of July 18, 2024, Discretionary Spending and Hiring Restrictions
Memorandum

On July 18, 2024, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued temporary statewide restrictions on discretionary spending and hiring in response to projected fiscal pressures.¹

Those temporary measures are no longer in effect. Effective immediately, the July 18, 2024, memorandum is rescinded and agencies should operate under the State's standard Budgetary Control Policy.

Agencies are expected to manage spending and personnel actions within their enacted appropriations and authorized staffing levels and to remain consistent with the Governor's FY 2026 revised budget submission. Existing approval workflows and documentation requirements remain in place, and requests should reflect operational need and available funding.

Consistent with the Budgetary Control Policy, agencies projected to end the fiscal year in deficit will continue under enhanced oversight.

OMB will continue routine monitoring of agency spending and staffing activity and may implement targeted controls if necessary. This rescission applies only to the temporary statewide restrictions and does not change existing policies or OMB's authority to review transactions.

Thank you for your continued attention to sound fiscal management.

¹ Memorandum is available at: https://omb.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur751/files/2024-07/24.07.18%20FY%202025%20Discretionary%20Spending%20and%20Hiring%20Restrictions_2.pdf