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Everyone,

Good news - the Appropriations Committee released their budget this week and it contains the same level of funding for the Regional Fire Schools and the Cancer Fund that was included in the Governor's budget released earlier this session. The Appropriations Committee budget is available on the following link:

https://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/Documents/year/APPJF/2019APPJF-20190430_Appropriations%20Committee%20Budget%20FY%2020%20-%20FY%2021.pdf

This week, the Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding voted Joint Favorable on **S.B. 1134 - AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE STATE BOND COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED BONDING SECTION WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS** (<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/s/pdf/2019SB-01134-R00-SB.PDF>). This raised bill passed by a vote of 46-4 and proposes to take away control of the state Bond Commission from the governor and turn it over to the legislature. The bill proposes that the Senate President and the House Speaker take charge of the commission and leaders from both parties would replace the members of the executive branch on the Bond Commission board. I will add this bill to our list of JFed House Bills that we are tracking because of the effect this measure may have on bonding for Regional Fire Schools projects.

We are still in a holding pattern waiting for an announcement of when and where the news conference will be held to reveal the "The PTSD Bill", however, Deputy Chief Rick Hart of the UPFFA reports that there is progress moving the bill forward. We still await the release of the final language for the proposed legislation from the Legislative Commissioner's Office.

I have attached an updated JF House Bill Status Report.

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