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Memorandum

To: Executive Appropriations Committee

From: Clare Tobin Lence, Performance Initiatives Manager

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Re: Funding Item Follow-Up Report

In each legislative session, the Legislature directs new funding to specific purposes to better serve residents of the State of Utah. The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA) has followed up on these new "funding items" for many years to assess how funds were spent. In <u>H.B. 326</u> (2021 General Session), the Legislature codified this practice and provided additional direction, including for us to collaborate closely with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and state agencies.

Since that time, we have developed a shared database for centralized reporting of funding item follow-up data and other types of performance measures. Although we are still developing the centralized dashboard to fully display all this information, FY 2022 funding item data will be available on budget.utah.gov prior to the EAC meeting on September 20th.

The FY 2022 report includes about 250 funding items originally funded in FY 2022, in either the 2021 or 2022 General Sessions, and provides the following information:

- Actual amount spent, compared to the appropriation
- Month and year of full implementation
- Performance measure, including target and result
- Recommendation for action, if applicable, from LFA staff

We identified recommendations for action on about 50 funding items. Each recommendation relates to something that the Legislature, LFA, or a state agency could do to improve the outcome of the item or inform future budget actions. Generally, appropriations subcommittees consider these recommendations in their October meetings.