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Section 26.00—Program Adjustments for Rural Strategic Engagement Program

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 26.00, Budget Act of 2024, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance received a request from the Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) to move \$4,411,000 appropriated in Item 7300-001-3078 from Schedule (3) 6060—Administration to Schedule (2) 6055—General Counsel for the Rural Strategic Engagement Program. The 2024 Budget Act appropriated this funding for ALRB to establish the Rural Strategic Engagement Program (Program) and conduct outreach to rural workers. This is a technical adjustment that appropriately transfers the appropriation to the General Counsel to administer the Program.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget and requests a waiver of the 30-day period to allow ALRB to continue to implement the Program.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Danielle Brandon, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-3274.

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