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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Safety (DOS), Division of State Police, to enter into a purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed $2,585,000.00 to purchase Model Year 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles (PPVs) effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. Funding source: 53.62% General Funds, 31.94% Highway Funds, 12.23% Turnpike Funds, and 2.21% Agency Income.

Funds are available in the SFY2025 operating budget as follows:	SFY 2025
02-23-23-234010-20640000 Dept. of Safety – Div. of State Police – Substance Abuse Enforcement 030-500320 Motor Vehicle (Replace)	$110,000.00
02-23-23-234015-23050000 Dept. of Safety – Div. of State Police – Commercial Enforcement 030-500320 Motor Vehicle (Replace)	$275,000.00
02-23-23-234015-40030000 Dept. of Safety – Div. of State Police – Traffic Bureau 030-500320 Motor Vehicle (Replace)	$1,155,000.00
02-23-23-234015-40100000 Dept. of Safety – Div. of State Police – Enforcement 030-500320 Motor Vehicle (Replace)	$605,000.00
2-23-23-234010-54120000 Dept. of Safety – Div. of State Police – Detectives 030-500320 Motor Vehicle (Replace)	$440,000.00
Total	$2,585,000.00

EXPLANATION

The New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) requests advance authorization to purchase approximately (47) Model Year 2025 (MY25) Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicles (PPVs) to meet General Motors' (GM) highly compressed purchasing timeline. In recent years, GM has sold out of its Tahoe PPVs and closed its order books *in one day*. GM is expected to release MY25 pricing to its dealers in mid-September, with orders due shortly thereafter. This compressed schedule does not leave enough time to provide vendor selection information to the Executive Council for approval prior to the order date. NHSP requests purchasing pre-approval with the understanding that all required steps for State purchasing will be followed as completed in previous years. This process is completed through the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Purchase and Property, and includes requesting bids from authorized GM dealers to take delivery of the vehicles.

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The NHSP made a similar request last year for MY2024 Tahoe PPVs, which this Honorable Council approved. This enabled the NHSP to successfully purchase 120 MY2024 Tahoe PPVs for patrol.

Even with the recent aggressive steps, it is critical for the NHSP fleet that an order be placed within the limited window provided by GM. The FY25 budget includes funding to purchase approximately (47) replacement PPVs to continue restoring the health of the NHSP fleet.

Respectfully submitted,

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