



# Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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## POST AUDIT DIVISION

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### MEMORANDUM:

**TO:** Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory  
Chairperson  
Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance  
35<sup>th</sup> Legislature

**FROM:** Post Audit Division

**SUBJECT: Bill No. 35-0190** – An Act to appropriate \$350,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to provide bottled drinking water to persons residing in the areas identified by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority as most impacted by elevated levels of copper and lead in the potable water system.

Section 1 of this bill seeks to appropriate \$350,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to provide bottled drinking water.

Exhibit I shows appropriations made to and from the St. Croix Capital Improvement fund.

Act No.	Appropriations To	Appropriations From	Reason	Balance
6954	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2008 Budget Appropriation	\$ 2,000,000
7000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	DPW Road Repairs	\$ 1,000,000
7048	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	FY 2009 Budget Appropriation DPW Road Repairs	\$ 1,000,000
7116	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2010 Budget Appropriation	\$ 3,000,000
7431	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	FY 2013 Budget Appropriation DSPR Paul E. Joseph	\$ 3,000,000
7526	\$ -	\$ 50,000	DSPR Adventure Tourism	\$ 2,950,000
7762	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2016 Budget Appropriation	\$ 4,950,000
7832		\$ 50,000	DSPR Acquisition of real property	\$ 4,900,000
7844		\$ 80,000	JFL Secure View DX 400 System	\$ 4,820,000
7913	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2017 Budget Appropriation	\$ 6,820,000
8037	\$ -	\$ 500,000	EDA Retrofitting of Industrial Park	\$ 6,320,000
8046	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	Schooner Bay Channel	\$ 2,820,000
8102	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2019 Budget Appropriation	\$ 4,820,000
8116	\$ -	\$ 1,450,000	WTJX Video Uplink Truck & Equipment	\$ 3,370,000
8152	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	DOH Mobile Wellness Van	\$ 2,370,000
8233	\$ 2,000,000		FY 2020 Budget Appropriation	\$ 4,370,000
8353	\$ 2,000,000		FY 2021 Budget Appropriation	\$ 6,370,000
8382	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	DPW Road Repairs	\$ 1,870,000
8412	\$ -	\$ 1,665,637	HERA Improvement & Expansion	\$ 204,363
8447	\$ -	\$ 2,050,000	Ann E. Abramson Marine Terminal	\$ 1,845,637

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Act No.	Appropriations To	Appropriations From	Reason	Balance
8489	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2022 Budget Appropriation	\$ 154,363
8617	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	FY 2023 Budget Appropriation	\$ 2,154,363
8649		\$ 679,250	VIPA Gordon Finch Resurfacing	\$ 1,475,113

*Exhibit I*

According to Fund Balances received by the Department of Finance, the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund has an available balance of \$3,366,644.74 but according to **Exhibit I** the fund balance should reflect \$1,475,113. It is important to note that though there are monies available in the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to cover this expense, the distribution of bottled water is not a capital project. Based on the definition of the fund, monies are to be used exclusively for capital improvement projects on the island of St. Croix.

The Post Audit Division recommends that another funding source be used for this bill and does not recommend the approval of this bill.