

TEMPORARY STATE COMMISSION ON LOBBYING

MISSION

The Temporary State Commission on Lobbying is responsible for monitoring, maintaining and making public the identities, activities and expenditures of lobbyists, clients and public corporations attempting to influence the legislative, regulatory and rule and rate-making actions of elected State officials, agency decision makers and local governments. The Commission is also authorized to hold hearings, impose civil penalties and make public the records of appearances before regulatory State agencies.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Lobbying Act sets forth the administrative and enforcement responsibilities of the Commission. Under the guidance of a six-member bipartisan board appointed by the Governor, with advice from the legislative leaders, these responsibilities are carried out by a workforce of 16.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission will receive \$1.3 million in 2004-05, with 77 percent of its support from State tax dollars. The remaining 23 percent of its operations will be funded by civil penalty fines assessed on lobbyists for violations of the Lobbying Law.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2002, the Commission's oversight responsibilities included 3,332 registered lobbyists, 1,835 clients of lobbyists and 48 public corporations that reported lobbying expenses. The Commission's monitoring responsibilities encompassed both registered and unregistered special interest groups. These groups were active on over 19,707 bills before the Legislature and 1,953 rules, regulations and rate applications involving State agencies.

In 2003-04, the Commission first offered an Electronic Filing Program, which simplified reporting for the majority of filers and contributed toward more rapid disclosure of lobbying activities to the public while reducing labor-intensive tasks of Commission staff members. In 2004-05, the Commission will initiate the online payment of filing fees, which will further simplify reporting, accelerate public disclosure and enhance staff efficiencies.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available	Appropriations	Change	Reappropriations
	2003-04	Recommended 2004-05		Recommended 2004-05
State Operations	1,287,000	1,303,000	16,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	1,287,000	1,303,000	16,000	0

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ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	2004-05 Estimated FTEs 03/31/05	FTE Change
Operations			
General Fund	16	16	0
Total	16	16	0

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
General Fund	987,000	1,003,000	16,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	300,000	0
Total	1,287,000	1,303,000	16,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
Operations			
General Fund	987,000	1,003,000	16,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	300,000	0
Total	1,287,000	1,303,000	16,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2004-05 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	1,003,000	16,000	1,003,000	16,000
Total	1,003,000	16,000	1,003,000	16,000

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2004-05 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	300,000	0	300,000	0
Total	300,000	0	300,000	0