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 will be carried out by a workforce of 34 in 2007-08.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 2007-08, the Commission will be fully funded by a recommended $2.7 million General Fund appropriation, an increase of $353,000. The dedicated Special Revenue Fund which had been used in prior years to receive and spend penalties and fine revenue, has been fully eliminated. Breaking the connection between penalty and fine revenue and the agency's budget removes any perception that the agency's investigatory actions might be motivated by fiscal concerns. The penalty and fine revenue will now be deposited directly to the General Fund.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission monitors the activities of 5,112 registered lobbyists, 3,269 clients of lobbyists and 70 public corporations. The Commission offers education programs and investigates allegations of wrong doing.

ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Category	Available 2006-07	Appropriations Recommended 2007-08	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2007-08
State Operations	3,016,000	2,701,000	(315,000)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,016,000	2,701,000	(315,000)	0

LOBBYING

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	FTE Change
Operations			
General Fund	28	34	6
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6	0	(6)
Total	34	34	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
General Fund	2,348,000	2,701,000	353,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	668,000	0	(668,000)
Total	3,016,000	2,701,000	(315,000)

Adjustments:
Prior Year Deficiency
  Lobbying, Temporary State Commission
    on
    General Fund   500,000
Appropriated 2006-07   3,516,000

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

Program	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Operations			
General Fund	2,348,000	2,701,000	353,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	668,000	0	(668,000)
Total	3,016,000	2,701,000	(315,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2007-08 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total Amount	Change	Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried) Amount	Change
Operations	2,385,000	37,000	2,335,000	(13,000)
Total	2,385,000	37,000	2,335,000	(13,000)

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried) Amount	Change
Operations	50,000	50,000
Total	50,000	50,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2007-08 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total Amount	Change	Supplies and Materials Amount	Change
Operations	316,000	316,000	10,000	10,000
Total	316,000	316,000	10,000	10,000

Program	Travel Amount	Change	Contractual Services Amount	Change
Operations	6,000	6,000	210,000	210,000
Total	6,000	6,000	210,000	210,000

Program	Equipment Amount	Change
Operations	90,000	90,000
Total	90,000	90,000

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2007-08 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total Amount	Change	Maintenance Undistributed Amount	Change
Operations	0	(668,000)	0	(668,000)
Total	0	(668,000)	0	(668,000)