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 nearly \$1.3 million in 2003-04, 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 2001, the Commission's oversight responsibilities included 2,930 registered lobbyists, 1,640 clients of lobbyists, and 53 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 14,987 bills before the Legislature and 1,724 rules, regulations and rate applications involving State agencies.

In 2003-04, the Commission will offer an Electronic Filing Program, which will simplify reporting for the majority of filers and contribute toward more rapid disclosure of lobbying activities to the public while reducing labor-intensive tasks of Commission staff members.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2002-03			Reappropriations Recommended 2003-04
State Operations	1,430,000	1,287,000	(143,000)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	1,430,000	1,287,000	(143,000)	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	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 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	1,130,000	987,000	(143,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	300,000	0
Total	1,430,000	1,287,000	(143,000)

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

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Operations			<u>. </u>
General Fund	1,130,000	987,000	(143,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	300,000	0
Total	1,430,000	1,287,000	(143,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Total	I	Personal Ser (Annual S	•
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	987,000	0	987,000	0
Total	987,000	0	987,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

	Tot	tal	Contractual Services	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	0	(143,000)	0	(143,000)
Total	0	(143,000)	0	(143,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

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