

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 18.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission will receive \$1.5 million in 2005-06, with 64 percent of its support from State tax dollars. The remaining 36 percent of its operations will be funded by civil penalty fines assessed on lobbyists for violations of the Lobbying Law.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2004, the Commission's oversight responsibilities included 3,624 registered lobbyists, 2,117 clients of lobbyists and 37 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 14,835 bills before the Legislature and 1,707 rules, regulations and rate applications involving State agencies.

In 2004, the Commission made further enhancements to its Electronic Filing Program to allow for 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
	2004-05	Recommended 2005-06		Recommended 2005-06
State Operations	1,340,000	1,514,000	174,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	1,340,000	1,514,000	174,000	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2004-05	2005-06	FTE Change
	Estimated FTEs 03/31/05	Estimated FTEs 03/31/06	
Operations			
General Fund	18	15	(3)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	3	3
Total	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
General Fund	1,040,000	974,000	(66,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	540,000	240,000
Total	<u>1,340,000</u>	<u>1,514,000</u>	<u>174,000</u>

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	<u>(37,000)</u>
Appropriated 2004-05	<u>1,303,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2005-06 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	974,000	(66,000)	974,000	(66,000)
Total	<u>974,000</u>	<u>(66,000)</u>	<u>974,000</u>	<u>(66,000)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2005-06 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	540,000	240,000	540,000	240,000
Total	<u>540,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>540,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>