

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 and agency decision makers. The Commission is also authorized to hold hearings and impose civil penalties. A final responsibility of the Commission is to collect, maintain, 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 nine.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission receives 94 percent of its support from State tax dollars from the General Fund. The remaining 6 percent of its operations are funded by civil penalty fines assessed on lobbyists for violations of the Lobbying Law.

The Executive Budget recommends \$579,000 in General Fund support for the Commission. This recommended funding will allow the Commission to continue its present level of oversight activity.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 1997, the Commission's oversight responsibilities included 2,100 registered lobbyists, 1,250 clients of lobbyists, and 50 public corporations which reported lobbying expenses of \$51.4 million. The Commission's monitoring responsibilities encompassed both registered and unregistered special interest groups. These groups were active on over 18,000 bills before the Legislature and 2,150 rules, regulations and rate applications involving State agencies.

In 1996, the Commission established a web site on the Internet to further increase the public's access to lobbying information. The web site has been accessed more than 830,000 times through the end of September 1998. A scanning and imaging system allows for almost same day processing of incoming registrations and reports.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$606,200	\$619,000	+ \$12,800
Aid To Localities
Capital Projects
Total	<u>\$606,200</u>	<u>\$619,000</u>	<u>+ \$12,800</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

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ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1998-99	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
Operations					
General Fund	9	9	....	9	....
Total	9	9	....	9	....

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$566,200	\$579,000	+ \$12,800
Special Revenue Funds — Other	40,000	40,000	....
Total	\$606,200	\$619,000	+ \$12,800

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Operations			
General Fund	\$566,200	\$579,000	+ \$12,800
Special Revenue Funds — Other	40,000	40,000	....
Total	\$606,200	\$619,000	+ \$12,800

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	\$503,000	+ \$12,800	\$503,000	+ \$12,800
Total	\$503,000	+ \$12,800	\$503,000	+ \$12,800

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Amount	Total		Contractual Services	
		Change	Amount	Change	
Operations	\$76,000	....	\$76,000	....
Total	\$76,000	....	\$76,000	....

**STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operations	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>
Total	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>