

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. An additional responsibility of the Commission is to collect, maintain, and make public the records of appearances before regulatory State agencies.

In 1999, the Lobbying Act underwent its first major revision in over 20 years, resulting in an expanded role for the Commission in the following areas: increased reporting requirements and schedules; expansion of the Commission's jurisdiction over lobbying at the local government level; strengthened enforcement powers; and establishment of new and/or increased fees.

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 20.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission receives 85 percent of its support from State tax dollars from the General Fund. The remaining 15 percent of its operations is funded by civil penalty fines assessed on lobbyists for violations of the Lobbying Law.

The Executive Budget recommends \$1,130,000 in General Fund support for the Commission which will allow the Commission to pursue its enhanced level of oversight and enforcement activity.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 1999 the Commission's oversight responsibilities included 2,145 registered lobbyists, 1,365 clients of lobbyists, and 47 public corporations which reported lobbying expenses. The Commission's monitoring responsibilities encompassed both registered and unregistered special interest groups. These groups were active on over 15,282 bills before the Legislature and 1,640 rules, regulations and rate applications involving State agencies.

In anticipation of an increase in filings associated with new local lobbying provisions, the Commission will replace its current system with a state-of-the-art imaging system which will permit more efficient filings through a "paperless" system, and will prepare image records for access on the Internet.

LOBBYING

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>
State Operations	1,199,000	1,330,000	131,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>1,199,000</u>	<u>1,330,000</u>	<u>131,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2000-01 Estimated FTEs 03/31/01</u>	<u>2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>
Operations			
General Fund	20	20	0
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>

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

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	1,099,000	1,130,000	31,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	100,000	200,000	100,000
Total	<u>1,199,000</u>	<u>1,330,000</u>	<u>131,000</u>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(64,000)		
Appropriated 2000-01	<u>1,135,000</u>		

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operations			
General Fund	1,099,000	1,130,000	31,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	100,000	200,000	100,000
Total	<u>1,199,000</u>	<u>1,330,000</u>	<u>131,000</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2001-02 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Personal Service</u>		<u>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operations	987,000	364,000	987,000	364,000
Total	<u>987,000</u>	<u>364,000</u>	<u>987,000</u>	<u>364,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2001-02 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total Nonpersonal Service		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	143,000	(333,000)	143,000	67,000
Total	<u>143,000</u>	<u>(333,000)</u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>67,000</u>

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Operations	0	(400,000)
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>(400,000)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2001-02 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	200,000	100,000	200,000	100,000
Total	<u>200,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

