

# **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 34. The increased staff level is to address the expanded oversight responsibility of the Lobbying Commission to implement and enforce the Omnibus Lobbying Reform Act.

## **FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Commission will receive \$3.016 million in 2006-07, with 78 percent of its support from State tax dollars. The remaining 22 percent of its operations will be funded by civil penalty fines assessed on lobbyists for violations of the Lobbying Law.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

In 2005, the Commission's oversight responsibilities included 3,840 registered lobbyists, 2,345 clients of lobbyists and 79 public corporations that reported lobbying expenses. The Commission's monitoring responsibilities encompassed both registered and unregistered special interest groups. These groups were active on bills before the Legislature and rules, regulations and rate applications involving State agencies.

In 2005, the Commission made further enhancements to its Electronic Filing Program to permit on-line payment of fees, which will further simplify reporting, accelerate public disclosure and enhance staff efficiencies. The Commission will implement and administer the Omnibus Lobbying Reform Act, Chapter 1 of 2005, which enacted comprehensive reforms that will allow for more effective regulation of lobbying before State and municipal entities. A \$500,000 deficiency is recommended to fund the initial start-up costs associated with implementing this new program. During 2006-07, the Commission will focus on implementation and deployment of an educational program to make lobbyists aware of their new responsibilities.

# LOBBYING

## ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2005-06	Appropriations Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2006-07
State Operations	2,014,000	3,016,000	1,002,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	2,014,000	3,016,000	1,002,000	0

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

### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2005-06 Estimated FTEs 03/31/06	2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07	FTE Change
Operations			
General Fund	15	28	13
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3	6	3
Total	18	34	16

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

Fund Type	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
General Fund	1,474,000	2,348,000	874,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	540,000	668,000	128,000
Total	2,014,000	3,016,000	1,002,000

Adjustments:

Recommended Deficiency Lobbying, Temporary State Commission on General Fund	(500,000)
Appropriated 2005-06	1,514,000

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

Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Operations			
General Fund	1,474,000	2,348,000	874,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	540,000	668,000	128,000
Total	2,014,000	3,016,000	1,002,000

## STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2006-07 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	2,348,000	874,000	2,348,000	874,000
Total	2,348,000	874,000	2,348,000	874,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2006-07 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Operations	668,000	128,000	668,000	128,000
Total	668,000	128,000	668,000	128,000