

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission Summary of Budget Recommendations - House

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Method of Financing	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$840,828	\$840,828	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$840,828	\$840,828	\$0	0.0%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$840,828	\$840,828	\$0	0.0%

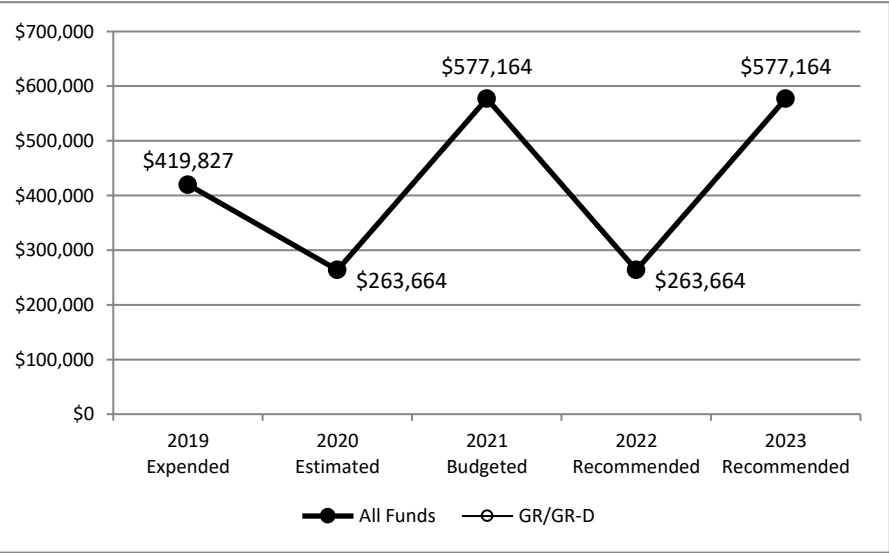
	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2023 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%

Commission Budget and Policy Issues and/or Highlights

The Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission is a federal compact between Texas and Vermont. The Commission provides for and encourages the economical management and disposal of low-level radioactive waste in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Texas and Vermont and the environment. The Commission accepts low-level waste from Texas and Vermont, as well as out of compact low-level waste from across the country.

The bill pattern for this agency (2022-23 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2022-23 biennium.

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



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Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - House

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2022-23 Biennium compared to the 2020-21 Base Spending Level (in millions)		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):							
A)	No significant funding changes compared to the 2020-21 base.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	A.1.1
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

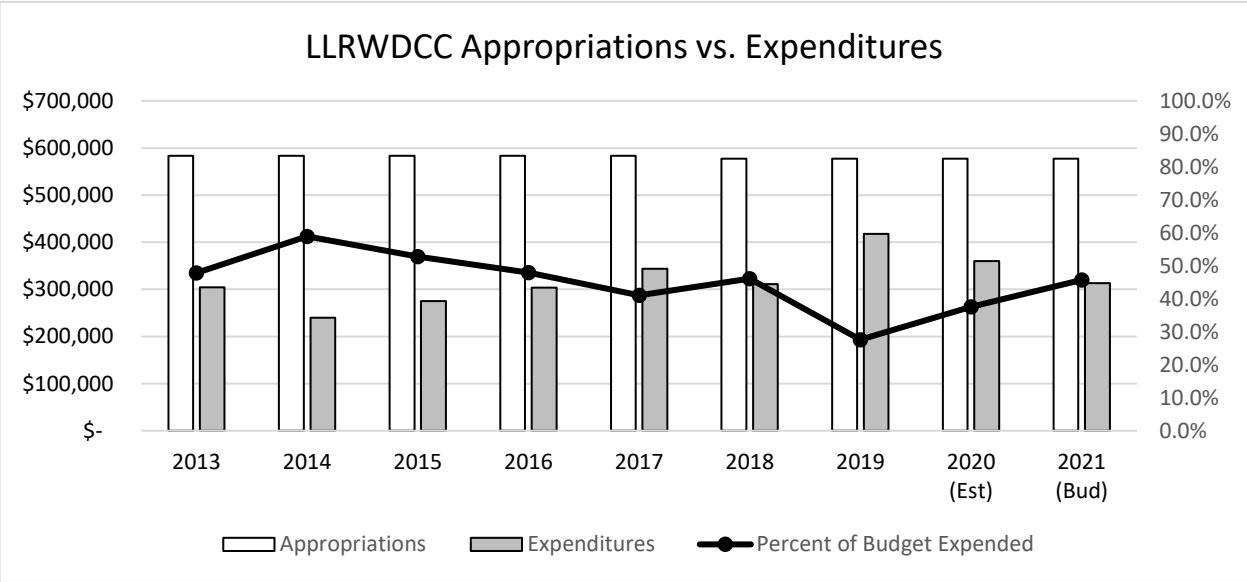
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1) **Commission Funding.** Recommendations maintain General Revenue-Dedicated Low-Level Waste Disposal Compact Commission Account No. 5151 (Account No. 5151) funding at 2020–21 spending levels. A transfer is made each fiscal year from the General Revenue-Dedicated Low-Level Radioactive Waste Account No. 88 (Account No. 88) into Account No. 5151 in an amount equivalent to the amount appropriated to the Commission. This occurs after any unexpended and unencumbered balances in GR-D Account No. 5151 from the previous fiscal year are transferred back into Account No. 88. Accordingly, any increase in appropriations to the Commission would result in an increased amount transferred from Account No. 88 into Account No. 5151.

The Comptroller’s Biennial Revenue Estimate anticipates \$700,000 in revenues deposited to the credit of Account 88 for each year of the 2022–23 biennium composed of the following:

- An estimated \$450,000 from the registration of radioactive material and equipment with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); and
- An estimated \$250,000 from disposal fees assessed by the TCEQ on disposal of in-compact and out-of-compact waste at the disposal facility located in Andrews, Texas.

Deposits to Account No. 88 from fiscal years 2004 through 2014 included \$25.0 million for Vermont’s in-compact payment and \$10.0 million from out-of-compact disposal fees. The account is estimated to have a fund balance of \$22.6 million available at the beginning of the 2022–23 biennium. See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations – House #1. The below chart provides a historical review of the commission’s appropriations as compared to their expenditures since fiscal year 2012. On average, the agency has lapsed approximately 53 percent of its budget annually.



- 2) **Rider Request.** The Commission has requested a new rider to specify that the Commission is not a state agency and is exempt from requirements of state law generally applicable to a state agency, except those duties and responsibilities expressly identified in Chapter 401 or 403 of the Health and Safety Code, the compact law, or agreed to by the Commission and the host or a party state through a memorandum of understanding or other documentation. Recommendations do not include the proposed rider (see also Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #2).

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - House

		2022-23 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			
Agency Exceptional Items Not Included							
1)	General Revenue-Dedicated Funding to maintain commission funding at the 2020-21 appropriated level for the following: a) \$207,000 for Executive Director and Administrative Assistant salaries b) \$45,626 for other operating expenses c) \$34,198 for increased board travel after the pandemic d)\$26,676 for implementation of CAPPS Financials See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #1.	\$313,500	\$313,500	0.0	No	No	\$313,500
2)	New rider specifying that the Commission is not a state agency and is not subject to any requirements of state law generally applicable to a state agency except those duties defined in Health and Safety Code, Chapters 401 and 403, compact law, or those agreed to by the Commission (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #2)	\$0	\$0	0.0	No	No	\$0
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$313,500	\$313,500	\$0			\$313,500

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Appendices - House

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

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Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
COMPACT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS A.1.1	\$840,828	\$840,828	\$0	0.0%	Recommendations maintain funding for the commission at 2020-21 spending levels. See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #1.
Total, Goal A, COMPACT ADMINISTATION & OPERATIONS	\$840,828	\$840,828	\$0	0.0%	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$840,828	\$840,828	\$0	0.0%	