

**Office of Public Insurance Counsel  
Summary of Recommendations - Senate**

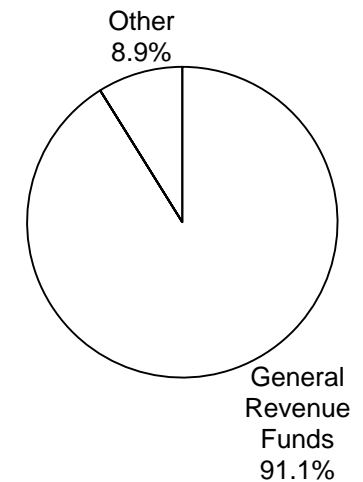
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RECOMMENDED FUNDING  
BY METHOD OF FINANCING

Method of Financing	2010-11 Appropriations	2010-11 Base	2012-13 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
General Revenue Funds	\$2,147,554	\$2,040,176	\$1,882,836	(\$157,340)	(7.7%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$2,147,554</i>	<i>\$2,040,176</i>	<i>\$1,882,836</i>	<i>(\$157,340)</i>	<i>(7.7%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$96,000	\$96,000	\$183,340	\$87,340	91.0%
<b>All Funds</b>	<b>\$2,243,554</b>	<b>\$2,136,176</b>	<b>\$2,066,176</b>	<b>(\$177,000)</b>	<b>(3.3%)</b>



	FY 2011 Appropriations	FY 2011 Budgeted	FY 2013 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
<b>FTEs</b>	16.5	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0%

The bill pattern for this agency (2012-13 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2012-13 biennium.

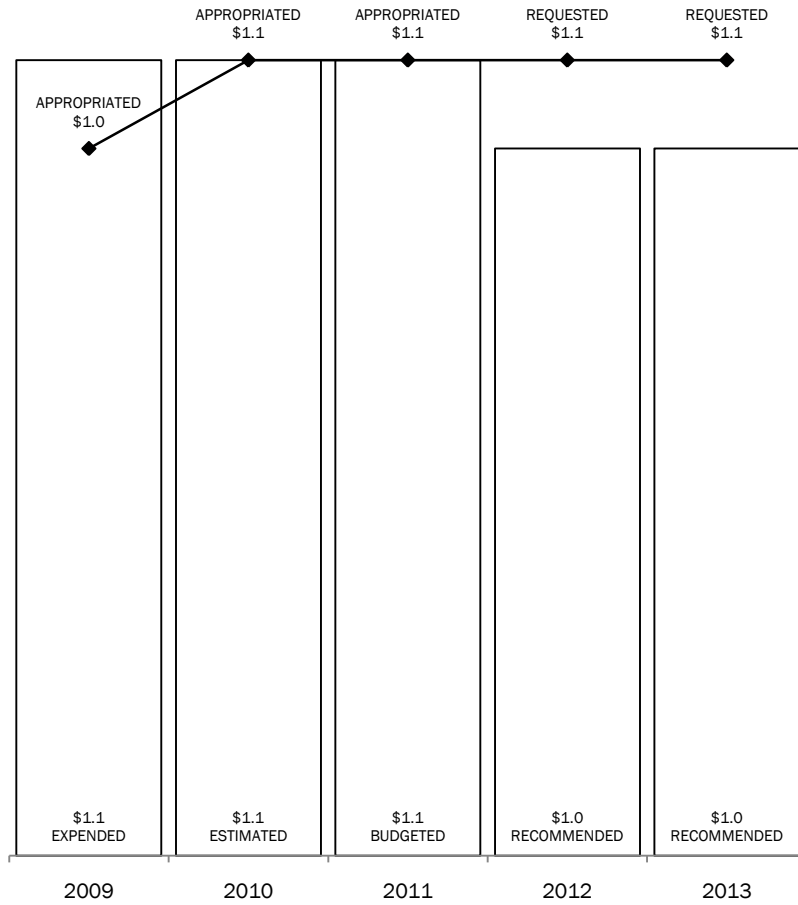
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2012-2013 BIENNIUM

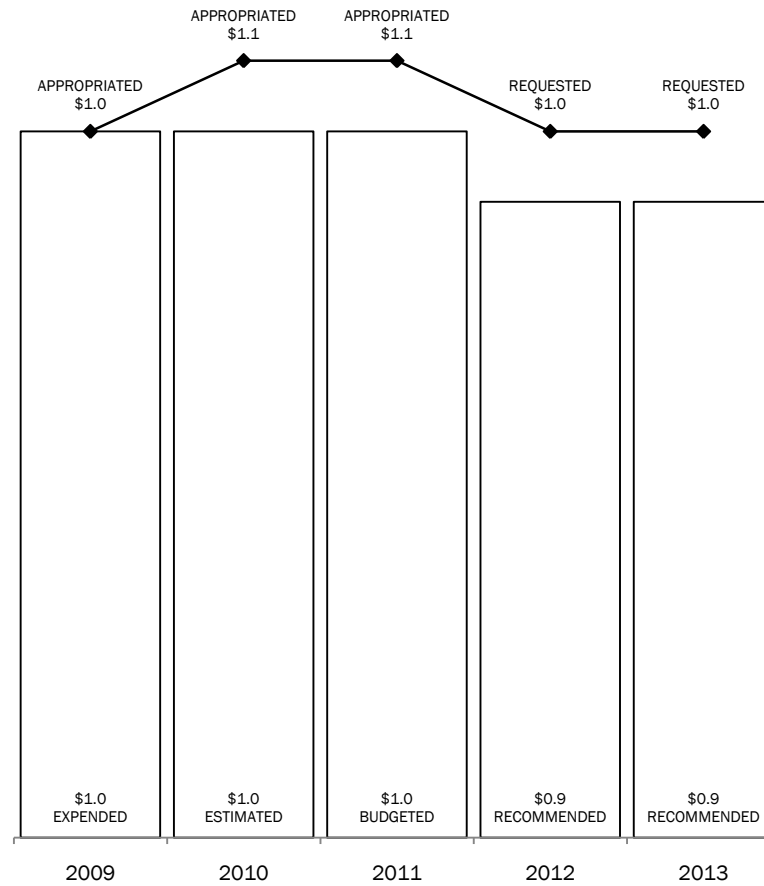
IN MILLIONS

TOTAL= \$2.1 MILLION

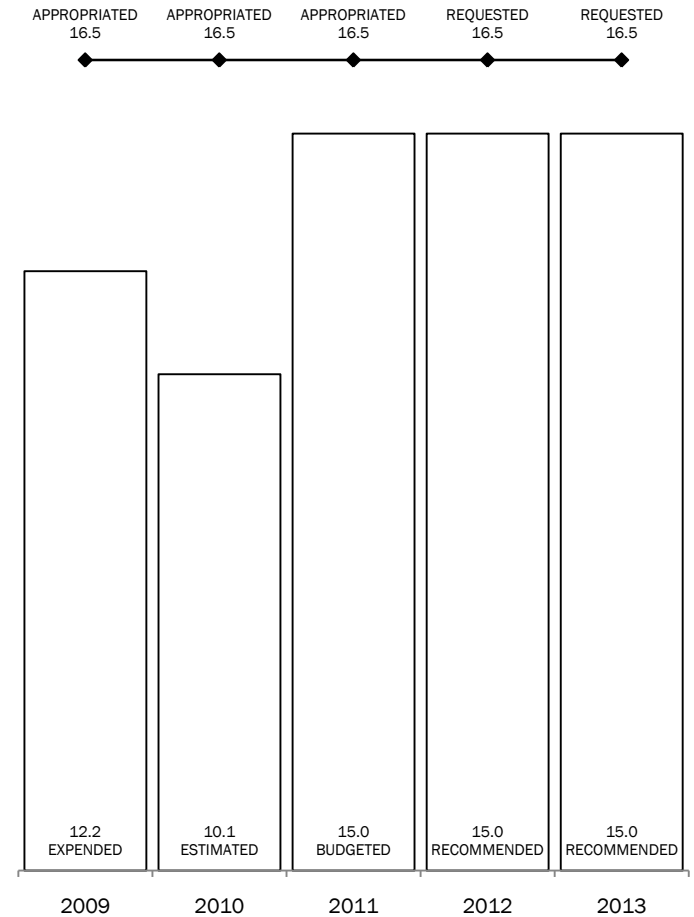
**ALL FUNDS**



**GENERAL REVENUE AND  
GENERAL REVENUE-DEDICATED FUNDS**



**FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS**



Section 2

Office of Public Insurance Counsel  
Summary of Recommendations - Senate, By Method of Finance -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2010-11 Base	2012-13 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments (Optional)
PARTICIPATE IN RATE/RULE HEARINGS A.1.1	\$1,967,946	\$1,882,836	(\$85,110)	(4.3%)	
<b>Total, Goal A, ADVOCATE FOR INSURANCE CONSUMERS</b>	<b>\$1,967,946</b>	<b>\$1,882,836</b>	<b>(\$85,110)</b>	<b>(4.3%)</b>	
INSURANCE INFORMATION B.1.1	\$168,230	\$183,340	\$15,110	9.0%	
<b>Total, Goal B, INCREASE CONSUMER CHOICE</b>	<b>\$168,230</b>	<b>\$183,340</b>	<b>\$15,110</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	
<b>Grand Total, All Strategies</b>	<b>\$2,136,176</b>	<b>\$2,066,176</b>	<b>(\$70,000)</b>	<b>(3.3%)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease General Revenue by \$60,000 for fiscal years 2012-13 for the purchase of furniture. (See Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues Item #2)</li> <li>• Decrease General Revenue by \$10,000 for fiscal years 2012-13 for the purchase of consumables. (See Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues Item #2)</li> <li>• Decrease General Revenue by \$87,340 for fiscal years 2012-13 due to the increase in Interagency Contract funding. (See Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues Item #3)</li> <li>• Increase the Interagency Contract funding from the Texas Department of Insurance by \$87,340 for fiscal years 2012-13. (See Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues Item #3)</li> </ul>

## Section 3

### Office of Public Insurance Counsel Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues

1. **Sunset Review.** The agency is currently undergoing Sunset review. The agency was under Sunset review during the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session and was continued in the 81<sup>st</sup> First Called Special Session for two years. (See Rider Highlights 2)
2. **Program Funding and Staffing Levels.** Recommendations decrease General Revenue by \$70,000 for fiscal years 2012-13 and agency staffing levels by 1.5 FTEs each fiscal year to continue staffing at the 2010-11 base levels. Recommendations relate to the following:
  - \$70,000 reduction in funding for furniture and consumable supplies.
  - Reduction in authorization for 1.5 FTEs. The FTE positions were kept vacant to meet the 5 percent reduction in baseline funding for 2012-13.
3. **IAC with TDI.** Recommendations offset an increase in Interagency Contracts and TDI Insurance Maintenance Tax of \$87,340 above the 2010-11 budgeted level with an equivalent decrease in General Revenue.
4. **Federal Healthcare Reform.** The agency's workload will increase due to the implementation of Federal Healthcare Reform. At this time, the impact is uncertain therefore these recommendations do not include this impact on performance measures or funding.

Section 4

Office of Public Insurance Counsel (OPIC)  
Performance Review and Policy Report Highlights

Reports & Recommendations	GEER Report Page	Savings/ (Cost)	Gain/ (Loss)	Fund Type	Is included in the Introduced Bill	Action Required During Session
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NO RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

## Section 5

### Office of Public Insurance Counsel Rider Highlights

2. **Sunset Contingency Rider.** Recommendations include a rider making agency appropriations in 2013 contingent upon the continuation of the agency and requiring appropriations for 2012 to be used to provide for the phase out of agency operations if the agency is not continued.  
(See Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues #1)

**Section 6**

**Office of Public Insurance Counsel  
Items not Included in Recommendations**

1. NONE

**Total, Items Not Included in the Recommendations**

<b>2012-13 Biennial Total</b>	
<b>GR &amp; GR- Dedicated</b>	<b>All Funds</b>
\$ -	\$ -
<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>