#### State Commission on Judicial Conduct Summary of Recommendations - Senate

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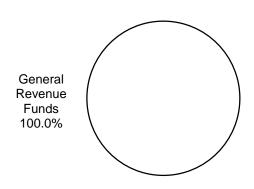
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	2014-15	2016-17	Biennial	%
Method of Financing	Base	Recommended	Change	Change
General Revenue Funds	\$1,915,233	\$1,922,012	\$6,779	0.4%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$1,915,233	\$1,922,012	\$6,779	0.4%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$1,915,233	\$1,922,012	\$6,779	0.4%

	FY 2015	FY 2017	Biennial	%
	Budgeted	Recommended	Change	Change
FTEs	13.0	13.0		0.0

The bill pattern for this agency (2016-17 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2016-17 biennium.

## RECOMMENDED FUNDING BY METHOD OF FINANCING



2016-2017 BIENNIUM TOTAL= \$1,922,012

#### **ALL FUNDS** GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS REQUESTED \$1,113,937 REQUESTED \$1,111,437 REQUESTED \$1,113,937 REQUESTED \$1,111,437 APPROPRIATED APPROPRIATED APPROPRIATED REQUESTED REQUESTED 14.0 14.0 14.0 14.0 14.0 APPROPRIATED \$948,169 APPROPRIATED APPROPRIATED APPROPRIATED \$948,169 APPROPRIATED \$947,156 APPROPRIATED \$947,156 \$947,156 \$947,156 \$975,932 EXPENDED \$933,227 ESTIMATED \$982,006 BUDGETED \$961,006 RECOMMENDED \$961,006 RECOMMENDED \$975,932 EXPENDED \$933,227 ESTIMATED \$961,006 RECOMMENDED \$982,006 \$961,006 RECOMMENDED 13.4 13.0 13.0 13.0 13.0 BUDGETED EXPENDED RECOMMENDED RECOMMENDED **ESTIMATED** BUDGETED 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Note:

Expended and budgeted amounts exceed appropriated amounts in fiscal year 2013 and fiscal year 2015 because of unexpended balance authority within each biennium and general state employee salary increases.

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# State Commission on Judicial Conduct Summary of Recommendations - Senate, By Method of Finance -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT A.1.1	\$1,915,233	\$1,922,012	\$6,779		Recommendations reflect an increase of \$6,779 in General Revenue due to biennialization of general state employee salary increases provided in the 2014-15 biennium.
Total, Goal A, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT	\$1,915,233	\$1,922,012	\$6,779	0.4%	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$1,915,233	\$1,922,012	\$6,779	0.4%	

State Commission on Judicial Conduct Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate

**NONE** 

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# State Commission on Judicial Conduct Performance Review and Policy Report Highlights - Senate

	Savings/	Gain/	Fund	Included	
Reports & Recommendations	(Cost)	(Loss)	Туре	in Introduced Bill	Action Required During Session

NO RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### State Commission on Judicial Conduct Rider Highlights - Senate

Former 2. **Unexpended Balances.** Recommendations delete the rider to eliminate redundancy within the bill pattern. Recommendations continue to retain strategy-level unexpended balance authority within the biennium.

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# State Commission on Judicial Conduct Items not Included in Recommendations - Senate

		2016-17 Biennial Total			
		GR & GR- Dedicated		All Funds	
Agency Exceptional Items - In Agency Priority Order					
1. General Revenue funding for a managing attorney position (Attorney IV) and additional authority for 1.0 FTE.	\$	204,900	\$	204,900	
<ol><li>General Revenue funding to provide attorney salaries competitive with simliar positions in other agencies and appellate courts.</li></ol>	\$	132,062	\$	132,062	
3. General Revenue funding for increased travel expenses for commission meetings.	\$	6,400	\$	6,400	
Total, Items Not Included in the Recommendations	\$	343,362	\$	343,362	

### State Commission on Judicial Conduct Summary of 10 Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate

#### **Biennial Reduction Amounts**

Priority	Item	Description/Impact	GR and GR-	All Funds	FTEs	Potential	Reduction as	Included in
			Dedicated			Revenue	% of Program	LBB Recs?
						Loss	GR/GR-D Total	
1	Consumables	Reduce office supplies.	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$0	0.2%	No
2	Staff Professional Development	Reduce staff training and conference registration.	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$0	0.3%	No
3	Membership Dues	Eliminate paying of staff attorneys' bar dues.	\$3,000	\$3,000		\$0	0.3%	No
4	Travel	Reduce the number of commission meetings in Austin from six to four.	\$30,000	\$30,000		\$0	3.1%	No
5		Eliminate one Investigator position and one Administrative Assitant position. This	\$151,431	\$151,431	2.0	\$0	15.8%	No
	Assistant Positions	reduction would negatively impact the Commission's ability to meet its core						
		functions.						

TOTAL, 10% Reduction Options \$189,431 \$189,431 2.0 \$0