

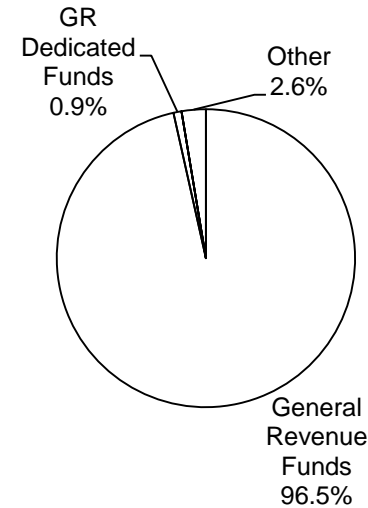
Section 1

Method of Financing	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
General Revenue Funds	\$3,831,149	\$3,860,384	\$29,235	0.8%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$3,866,149	\$3,895,384	\$29,235	0.8%
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$90,000	\$105,000	\$15,000	16.7%
All Funds	\$3,956,149	\$4,000,384	\$44,235	1.1%

	FY 2015 Budgeted	FY 2017 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change
FTEs	31.0	31.0	0.0	0.0%

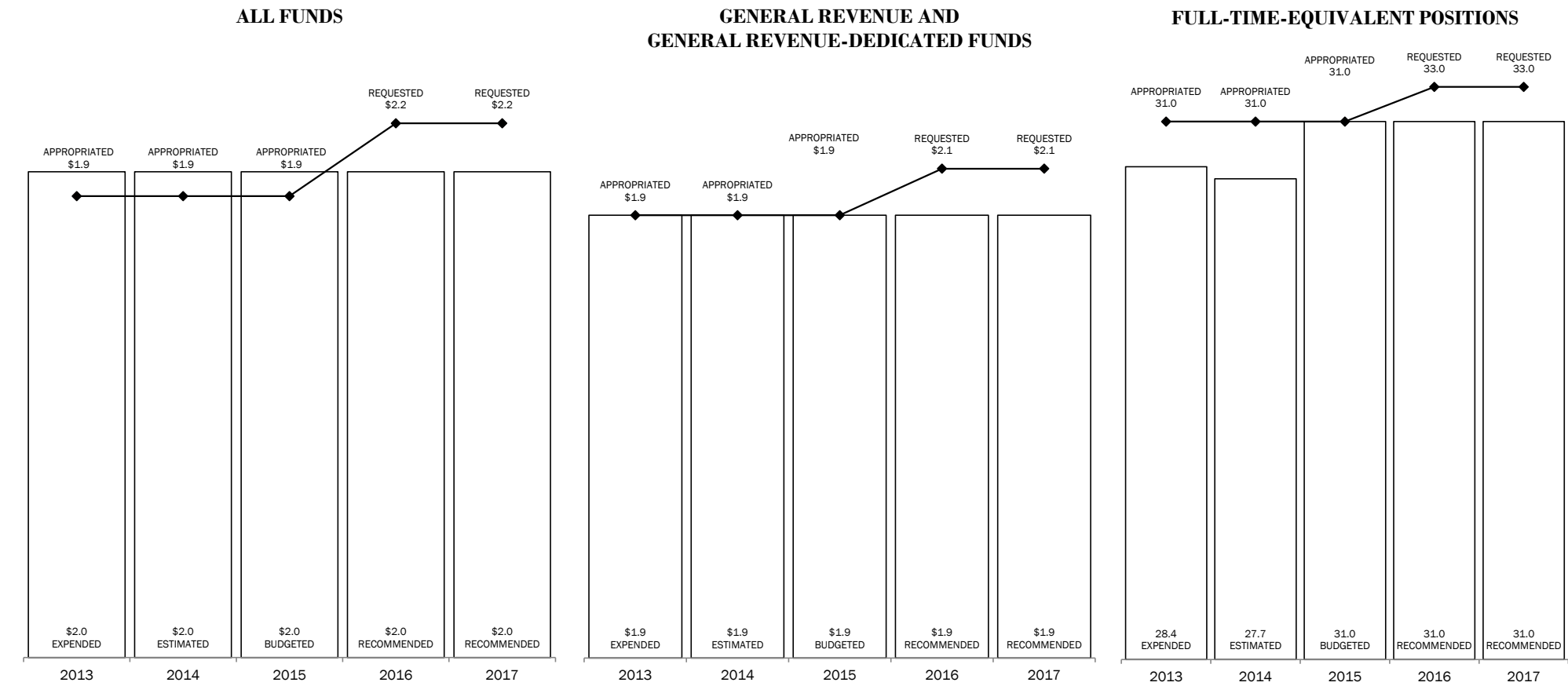
The bill pattern for this agency (2016-17 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2016-17 biennium.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING
BY METHOD OF FINANCING



Section 1
Commission on Fire Protection
2016-2017 BIENNIUM
IN MILLIONS

TOTAL= \$4.0 MILLION



Section 2

Commission on Fire Protection
Summary of Recommendations - Senate, By Method of Finance -- ALL FUNDS

Strategy/Goal	2014-15 Base	2016-17 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
FIRE SAFETY INFO & EDUC PROGRAMS A.1.1	\$234,466	\$235,870	\$1,404	0.6%	
Total, Goal A, EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE	\$234,466	\$235,870	\$1,404	0.6%	
CERTIFY & REGULATE FIRE SERVICE B.1.1	\$2,036,179	\$2,064,744	\$28,565	1.4%	
Total, Goal B, FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS	\$2,036,179	\$2,064,744	\$28,565	1.4%	
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION C.1.1	\$1,685,504	\$1,699,770	\$14,266	0.8%	
Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$1,685,504	\$1,699,770	\$14,266	0.8%	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$3,956,149	\$4,000,384	\$44,235	1.1%	Recommendations include an increase of \$44,235 in All Funds due to: A) \$29,235 increase in General Revenue for biennializing the state employees salary increase adjustment made in the 2014-15 biennium; and B) \$15,000 increase in estimated Appropriated Receipts (B.1.1.). The Appropriated Receipts are generated from the agency's issuance of non-mandatory International Fire Service Accreditation Congress certification seals, and demand for these seals is expected to continue to increase.

**Texas Commission on Fire Protection
Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate**

1. **Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections:** Recommendations include deleting parts a. and b. and separating sections (1), (2), and (3) of Rider 2, Appropriation Limited to Revenue Collections, into separate riders. Parts a. and b. described a Contingency Requiring Statutory Change as the result of recommended administrative attachment to the Department of Insurance (TDI) during the Eighty-third Legislature, but the relevant legislation was not enacted.

Rider 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, maintains the requirement that the agency’s fee revenues cover the agency’s operating expenses and other direct and indirect costs (i.e., require the agency to be self-funding). It also maintains the requirement that the agency generate an additional sum-certain amount of \$3.0 million. Recommendations also amend this rider’s language for clarity.

The agency requests that the \$3.0 million requirement be struck from the rider due to revenue from testing fees, certification issuance fees, and fines fluctuating from year to year. Elimination of this requirement would result in a \$3.0 million cost to the General Revenue Fund. The requirement was reduced from \$3.4 million to \$3.0 million by the Eighty-third Legislature because of an estimated agency shortfall.

2. **Agency Self Study on Possible Administrative Attachment to Another Agency:** Recommendations do not include the administrative attachment of Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) to another agency since agency operations have improved noticeably since the Eighty-third Legislature, largely attributable to new agency administration. After the actions of the Eighty-third Legislature maintained the agencies independent structure, and House Bill 3660 (a bill that would require TCFP to conduct a study and prepare a report on administrative attachment) was not enacted, the agency voluntarily sought the input of various stakeholder groups to decide whether to conduct the study referenced in House Bill 3660. The agency decided to undergo an internal study with the objectives of determining if administrative attachment to another state agency could reduce the costs associated with TCFP, improve the provision of agency services, and lower the fees set and collected by the agency.

The study participants included TCFP staff, representatives of fire protection stakeholder groups (Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas Fire Chief’s Association, State Firemen’s and Fire Marshals’ Association, and State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts), and two board members. The study concluded “... *administrative attachment would likely not serve to meet the stated objectives.*”

3. **Reimbursement of Fire Fighter Advisory Committee Members:** The nine advisory committee members are currently not reimbursed for travel expenses to attend quarterly meetings. TCFP has requested \$50,000 over the biennium for this purpose. If adopted, this provision would require a conforming rider authorizing the reimbursement of advisory members’ travel expenses (see Items Not Included in Recommendations – House, item 2).

Section 3b

Texas Commission on Fire Protection
FTE Highlights - Senate

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2013	Estimated 2014	Budgeted 2015	Recommended 2016	Recommended 2017
Cap	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
Actual/Budgeted	28.4	27.7	31.0	NA	NA
Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Executive Director, Group 3	\$92,600	\$92,600	\$92,600	\$92,600	\$92,600

The agency is not requesting any changes to its Exempt Position. The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report No. 14-705, August 2014) indicates a market average salary of \$124,850 for the Executive Director position at the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and does not recommend changing the Group 3 classification for the position.

Texas Commission on Fire Protection
Performance Measure Highlights - Senate

	Expended 2013	Estimated 2014	Budgeted 2015	Recommended 2016	Recommended 2017
<div><div>•</div><div>Number of Fire Service Personnel Renewing Certificates</div></div> <div>The number of certified individuals who held certificates previously and renewed their certificate(s) during the current reporting period. Desire to renew fire service competency certificates remains strong and due to growth within the fire service community, is expected to increase over time.</div>	28,855	29,730	31,200	31,400	31,600
<div><div>•</div><div>Number of New Certifications Issued to Individuals</div></div> <div>Number of new certifications issued for the first time to individuals in Texas. Fiscal year 2013 experienced a significant increase in certificates issued due to three certifications introduced that did not require an exam to obtain. An exam is now required for these certifications, which is expected to result in a return to normal levels of certificate issuance.</div>	13,470	10,906	10,500	10,500	10,500
<div><div>•</div><div>Number of Inspections of Regulated Entities</div></div> <div>Number of inspections of regulated entities by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Growth is occurring within the fire service community, including expansion of existing fire departments, creation of new ones, and transition of some volunteer departments to becoming paid or partly paid subjects those departments to regulation by TCFP.</div>	717	971	1,075	1,100	1,120

Section 4

Texas Commission on Fire Protection
Performance Review and Policy Report Highlights - Senate

Reports & Recommendations	Savings/ (Cost)	Gain/ (Loss)	Fund Type	Included in Introduced Bill	Action Required During Session
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NO RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 5

**Texas Commission on Fire Protection
Rider Highlights - Senate**

- 2. (Revised) **Contingency Requiring Statutory Change: Texas Commission on Fire Protection Administration.** Recommendations amend this rider to delete references to a contingency requiring statutory change (administrative attachment to Texas Department of Insurance), to make (1), (2), and (3) separate riders, and to clarify language. (See Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues #1)

Section 6

Commission on Fire Protection
Items not Included in Recommendations - Senate

	2016-17 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Agency Exceptional Items - In Agency Priority Order		
1. Deletion of \$3 million revenue collection requirement in Rider 2.a.(1). Deletion of this requirement would not increase the TCFP appropriation amount, but would eliminate the requirement to generate \$3 million over TCFP operating costs in General Revenue, creating a \$3.0 million reduction in General Revenue deposited to the treasury.	\$ -	\$ -
2. Two temporary computer programming FTEs for IT Initiative which includes migration to new database and improved interface of web-based tools.	\$ 296,908	\$ 296,908
3. Reimbursement for advisory committee members' travel costs, would require related rider authorizing the reimbursement of these nine advisory committee members if adopted.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Total, Items Not Included in the Recommendations	\$ 346,908	\$ 346,908

Section 7

Commission on Fire Protection
Summary of 10 Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate

Biennial Reduction Amounts								
Priority	Item	Description/Impact	GR and GR-Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	Potential Revenue Loss *	Reduction as % of Strategy GR/GR-D Total	Included in Intro Bill?
1	Programs - Service Reductions (FTEs-Layoffs)	The commission will reduce \$380,212 in general revenue expenses within Strategy A.1.1, Fire Safety Information & Educational Programs (\$102,516), Strategy B.1.1, Certify and Regulate Fire Departments and Personnel (\$183,476), and Strategy C.1.1, Indirect Administration (\$94,220), over fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The reduction will come mainly through loss of personnel by way of a hiring freeze, attrition, or reduction in force. Additional reductions would also be implemented in travel expenses, operating costs, and consumables to attain the 10 percent reduction.	\$380,212	\$380,212	4.0	undetermined	A.1.1. 43.5% B.1.1. 8.9% C.1.1. 5.5%	No

TOTAL, 10% Reduction Options

* TCFP did not quantify revenue loss related to a 10 percent reduction, stating it is difficult to predict but that service activities relating to fire protection personnel testing and certification would be significantly delayed.

\$380,212	\$380,212	4.0	\$0
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Commission on Fire Protection
Summary of 10 Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate
Agency 10% Reduction Options by Category of Reduction

