

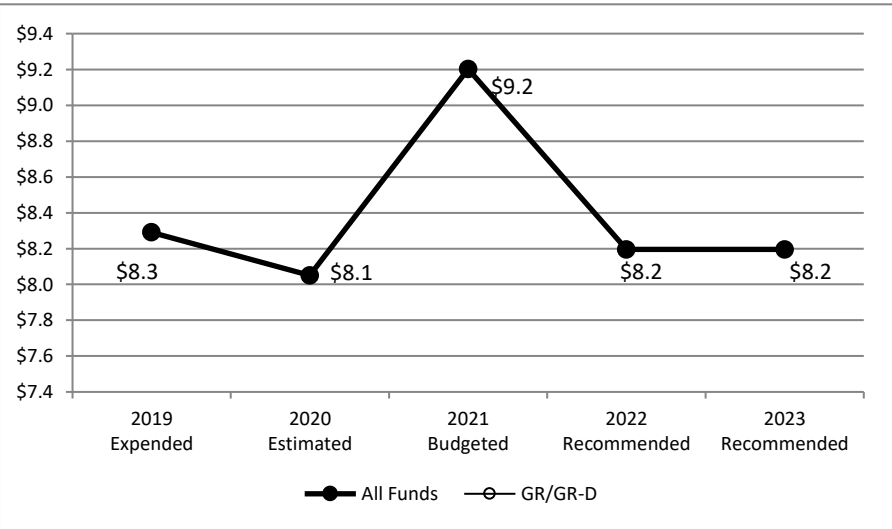
Office of Injured Employee Counsel Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate

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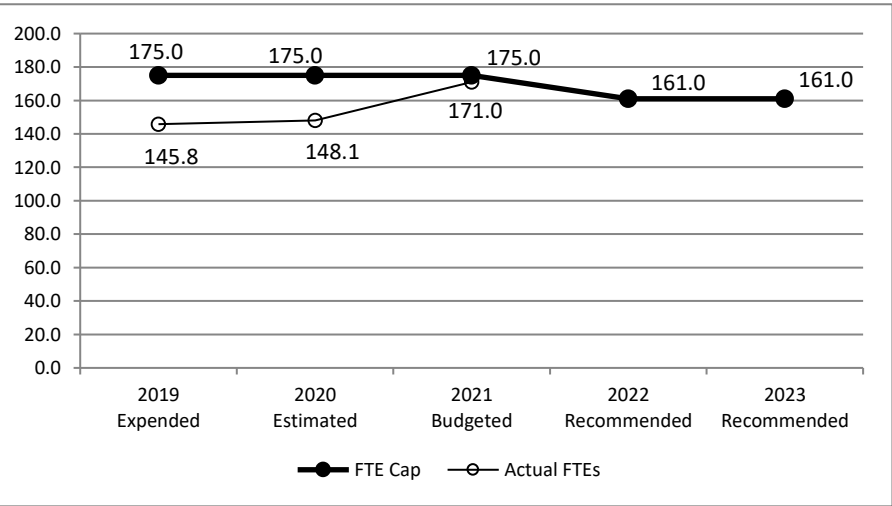
Method of Financing	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$17,252,825	\$16,390,184	(\$862,641)	(5.0%)
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$17,252,825</i>	<i>\$16,390,184</i>	<i>(\$862,641)</i>	<i>(5.0%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$17,252,825	\$16,390,184	(\$862,641)	(5.0%)

	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2023 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	171.0	161.0	(10.0)	(5.8%)

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



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.

Office of Injured Employee Counsel
Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate

Section 2

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2022-23 Biennium compared to the 2020-21 Base Spending Level		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)	Five Percent GR/GR-D Limit Reduction on Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036.	\$0	(\$862,641)	\$0	\$0	(\$862,641)	A.1.1 B.1.1 C.1.1
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations		\$0	(\$862,641)	\$0	\$0	(\$862,641)	As Listed
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	As Listed
SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases		\$0	(\$862,641)	\$0	\$0	(\$862,641)	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**Office of Injured Employee Counsel
Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate**

1. **Administrative Attachment and Fund 36.** The Office of Injured Employee Counsel (OIEC) is funded entirely from the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Operating Fund 36 and the workers' compensation maintenance taxes. Pursuant to Texas Insurance Code, Subtitle C, TDI is required by statute to adjust taxes and fees to generate revenue equivalent to its appropriations and the appropriations made to OIEC.

Fund 36 was exempted from the 5 percent LBB and Office of the Governor GR/GR-D Limit Reduction for the 2020-21 biennium. Later guidance directed agencies with Fund 36 amounts to reduce 2022-23 requests by 5 percent, similar to other GR/GR-D accounts.

OIEC has included two Exceptional Item requests in the LAR for partial restoration of lapsed and five percent reduction amounts.

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Rider Highlights - Senate

Modification of Existing Riders

1. None

New Riders

2. None

Deleted Riders

3. None

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

		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 (in agency priority order)							
1)	10 FTEs and Salaries - Restoration of positions that were cut for the 2022-2023 Baseline Budget due to LBB and Office of the Governor five percent GR/GR-D reduction.	\$862,642	\$862,642	10.0	No	No	\$862,642
2)	Travel - Restoration of lapsed funding due to COVID-related travel restrictions in fiscal year 2020.	\$150,000	\$150,000	0.0	No	No	\$150,000
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$1,012,642	\$1,012,642	10.0			\$1,012,642

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Appendices - Senate

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

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Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS					
Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments (Optional)
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM A.1.1	\$8,789,935	\$8,500,706	(\$289,229)	(3.3%)	
Total, Goal A, OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM	\$8,789,935	\$8,500,706	(\$289,229)	(3.3%)	
RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES & REFERRAL B.1.1	\$3,852,425	\$3,540,434	(\$311,991)	(8.1%)	
Total, Goal B, EDUCATION AND REFERRAL	\$3,852,425	\$3,540,434	(\$311,991)	(8.1%)	
ADVOCATE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES C.1.1	\$4,610,465	\$4,349,044	(\$261,421)	(5.7%)	
Total, Goal C, ADVOCATE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES	\$4,610,465	\$4,349,044	(\$261,421)	(5.7%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$17,252,825	\$16,390,184	(\$862,641)	(5.0%)	

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FTE Highlights - Senate

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2019	Estimated 2020	Budgeted 2021	Recommended 2022	Recommended 2023
Cap	175.0	175.0	175.0	161.0	161.0
Actual/Budgeted	145.8	147.6	171.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)

Public Counsel, Group 4 (\$151,048)	\$143,220	\$151,048	\$151,048	\$151,048	\$151,048
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Notes:

- a) State Auditor's Office is the source for the FY 2019 and FY 2020 annual average (actual) FTE levels
- b) The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report 20-706, August 2020), indicates a market average salary of \$160,586 for the Public Counsel position at OIEC. The agency is not requesting any changes to its exempt position.