

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

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Method of Financing	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$996,454	\$986,454	(\$10,000)	(1.0%)
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$996,454</i>	<i>\$986,454</i>	<i>(\$10,000)</i>	<i>(1.0%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$996,454	\$986,454	(\$10,000)	(1.0%)

	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2027 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%

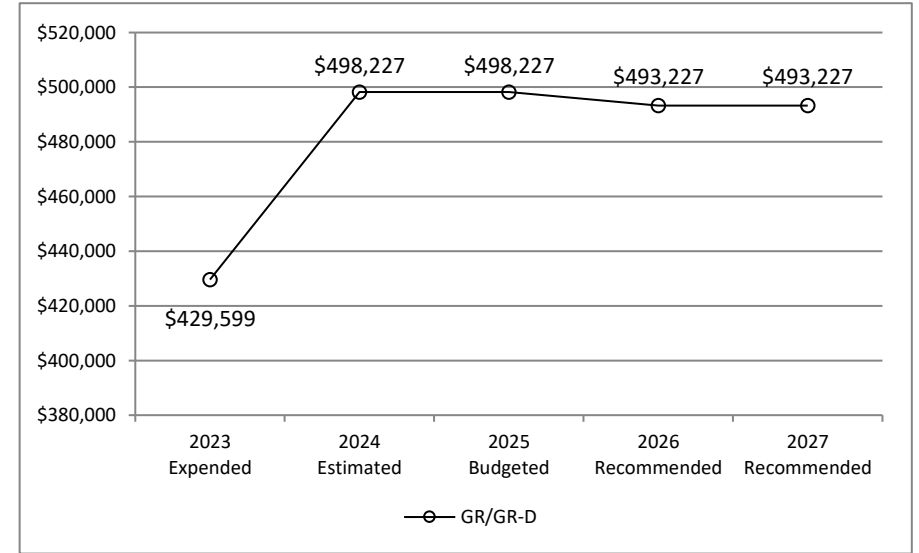
Agency Budget and Policy Issues and/or Highlights

The Texas 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 Commission has no Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions.

The bill pattern for this agency (2026-27 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2026-27 biennium.

Historical Funding Levels



**Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate**

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2026-27 Biennium compared to the 2024-25 Base Spending Level (in millions)		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<i>SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):</i>							
A)	A decrease of \$10,000 in one-time General Revenue-Dedicated Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission Account No. 5151 funding to upgrade the Commission's website and other technology (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues #1).	\$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
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases</i>		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases</i>		\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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- Commission Funding.** Recommendations include maintaining funding near 2024-25 spending levels. Recommendations provide \$986,454 in General Revenue-Dedicated (GR-D) Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission Account No. 5151 (Account No. 5151) which includes a decrease of \$10,000 for one-time funding utilized to upgrade the Commission’s website and other technology including a new laptop, printer, and software.

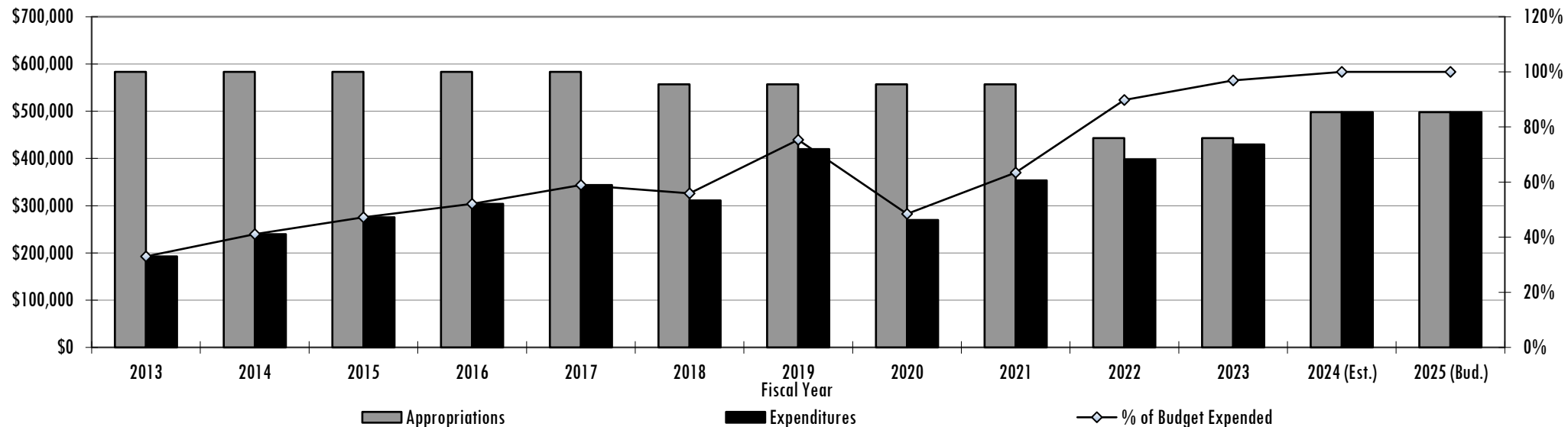
A transfer is made each fiscal year from the GR-D Low-Level Radioactive Waste Account No. 88 (Account No. 88) into Account No. 5151 equivalent to the amount appropriated to the Commission. Accordingly, any increase or decrease in appropriations to the Commission would result in an equal increase or decrease in the amount transferred from Account No. 88 into Account No. 5151.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) anticipates \$675,000 in revenues will be deposited to the credit of Account No. 88 for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium composed of the following:

- An estimated \$400,000 from the registration of radioactive material and equipment with the TCEQ.
- An estimated \$275,000 from disposal fees assessed by the TCEQ on disposal of in-compact and out-of-compact waste and the disposal facility located in Andrews, Texas.

Deposits to Account No. 88 from fiscal years 2004 through 2014 included \$25,000,000 for Vermont’s in-compact payment and \$10,000,000 from out-of-compact disposal fees. According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA), Account No. 88 contained a cash fund balance of \$17.6 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2025. The TCEQ estimates a fund balance of \$17.0 million available in Account No. 88 at the beginning of the 2026-27 biennium. The chart below provides a historical review of the Commission’s appropriations compared to its expenditures since fiscal year 2013. Prior to fiscal year 2024, the Commission lapsed on average approximately 39.8 percent of its budget annually.

LLRWDC Appropriations vs. Expenditures



In the 2024-25 biennium, a new rider was added to the Commission's bill pattern to provide authority to allow the Commission to carry forward any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining at the end of the first fiscal year into the second fiscal year of the biennium. Previously, the transfer from Account No. 88 into Account No. 5151 equivalent to the Commission's appropriations would occur after any unexpended or unencumbered balance in Account No. 5151 appropriations would be lapsed at the end of the previous fiscal year back into Account No. 88. According to the Commission and the CPA, approximately \$0.1 million in Account No. 5151 was carried forward from fiscal year 2024 into fiscal year 2025 due to savings resulting from various operating expenses and contracts. The Commission intends to utilize the full amount of the balances carried forward into fiscal year 2025 by allocating the funds for additional legal counsel services and public education efforts. At the end of the biennium, any unexpended or unencumbered balance in Account No. 5151 appropriations would be lapsed back into Account No. 88.

2. **Public Education Program.** In the 2024-25 biennium, the Commission received an additional \$100,000 in GR-D Account No. 5151 appropriations to implement a public education program aimed at better informing the general public and industry members about the Commission's operations. The Commission has hosted various workshops, both in-person and virtually, to explain its duties, clarify the responsibilities of importers and exporters of low-level waste, and further educate attending parties. According to the Commission, the workshops also allow attending parties to receive direct interaction and discuss industry-related questions and topics in a group setting. Additionally, the Commission reports attending symposiums hosted in other states to explain its role. Recommendations continue Public Education Program funding at 2024-25 spending levels.

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Rider Highlights - Senate**

Modification of Existing Riders

The following riders include recommendations to remove obsolete language and make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and amounts to reflect funding recommendations:

- Rider 2, Exemption from Limitation on State Employment Levels; and
- Rider 3, Unexpended Balance Authority Within the Biennium.

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate**

		2026-27 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2028-29
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			
Agency Exceptional Items Not Included							
A)	The Commission is not requesting any items not included in recommendations.	\$0	\$0	0.0	N/A	N/A	\$0
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0

**Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
Appendices - Senate**

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

**Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate - ALL FUNDS**

Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
COMPACT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS A.1.1	\$996,454	\$986,454	(\$10,000)	(1.0%)	Recommendations include a decrease of \$10,000 in GR-D Account No. 5151 for one-time funding utilized to upgrade the Commission website and other technology (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues #1).
Total, Goal A, COMPACT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS	\$996,454	\$986,454	(\$10,000)	(1.0%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$996,454	\$986,454	(\$10,000)	(1.0%)	