FY 2013

General Government Budget Committee

Governmental Ethics Commission

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House Budget Committee Report

Agency: Governmental Ethics Commission Bill No. 2394

Bill Sec. 19

Analyst: Duffy

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Expenditure Summary	_	Agency Request FY 2013	Reco	Governor ommendation FY 2013	House Budget Committee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:					
State General Fund	\$	421,657	\$	412,392	\$ 0
Other Funds		255,975		278,741	0
Subtotal	\$	677,632	\$	691,133	\$ 0
Capital Improvements:					
State General Fund	\$		\$		\$ 0
Other Funds					0
Subtotal	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$	677,632	\$	691,133	\$ 0
FTE positions		8.5		8.5	0.0
Non FTE Uncl. Perm. Pos.		0.5		0.5	0.0
TOTAL		9.0		9.0	0.0

Agency Request

The **agency** requests \$691,133, including \$421,567 from the State General Fund, the same as the amounts approved by the 2011 Legislature. The request includes 8.5 FTE positions and a 0.5 non-FTE unclassified position.

Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends expenditures totaling \$691,133, including \$412,392 from the State General Fund and 8.5 FTE positions and a 0.5 non-FTE unclassified position. The Governor's recommendation shifts \$9,175 in salaries and wages expenditures from the State General Fund to the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund. The Governor would suggest modest fee increases for large political action committees and certain categories of lobbyists in order to increase fee revenues by at least \$9,175 for FY 2013.

House Budget Committee Recommendations

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation, with the following observations:

- 1. The Budget Committee notes that SB 102 is currently being heard in the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee and that presently it contains amended statutory fee increases that would impact the fees remitted to the Governmental Ethics Commission.
- 2. The Budget Committee notes the declining fee fund balances over the last several years and the dangerously low ending balance in the current and budget year in the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund. The agency provided information to the Committee that it anticipates running out of fee fund money in FY 2015.