

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

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OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

Created in 1977, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) is responsible for the oversight of proposed new, amended, and rescinded rules from certain state agencies, boards, and commissions. Those rule-making agencies are required to fully review and submit to JCARR each of their rules at least once every five years. As part of that five-year rule review process, state agencies are required to review each of their rules and determine whether to continue them without change, amend them, or rescind them.

JCARR is a ten-member joint legislative committee, with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate each appointing five members from their respective chambers. Generally, JCARR meets and holds public hearings not less than once every three weeks throughout the year. It is supported by a staff of five full-time employees, including an executive director, a deputy director, two rule analysts, and an administrative assistant.

Appropriation Overview

As Table 1 below shows, all of JCARR's operating expenses are paid for with money appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF).

Table 1. JCARR Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2014-FY 2015 (Am. Sub. H.B. 59)					
Fund Group	FY 2013*	FY 2014	% change, FY 2013-FY 2014	FY 2015	% change, FY 2014-FY 2015
General Revenue	\$357,660	\$455,858	27.5%	\$456,376	0.1%
TOTAL	\$357,660	\$455,858	27.5%	\$456,376	0.1%

*FY 2013 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

JCARR's operations are funded by a single line item that draws its appropriation from the GRF. Table 2 below shows the appropriated funding level for this line item in FY 2014 and FY 2015. It is followed by a description of how those amounts will be used.

Table 2. JCARR Appropriations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	029321	Operating Expenses	\$455,858	\$456,376

Operating Expenses (GRF line item 029321)

Through GRF line item 029321, Operating Expenses, JCARR pays all of its operating expenses, over 90% of which are typically payroll-related costs (wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and other personnel charges). The appropriated amounts of \$455,858 in FY 2014 and \$456,376 in FY 2015 will permit JCARR to maintain existing service and staffing levels.

The budget bill also contains permanent and temporary law provisions related to JCARR's operations. Specifically, the budget:

- Authorizes the Executive Director of JCARR to certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of line item 029321 at the end of each of FY 2013 and FY 2014 to be reappropriated to FY 2014 and FY 2015, respectively, and reappropriates the certified amount;
- Requires that legislative members of the Joint Committee be paid at the per diem rate of \$150, and their necessary traveling expenses, for the days the member is engaged in committee duties and there is not a voting session in the member's house of the General Assembly;
- Requires the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and the Clerk of the Senate to determine, by mutual agreement, which of them will act as fiscal agent for the Joint Committee; and
- Authorizes JCARR to direct the Director of the Legislative Service Commission to remove obsolete administrative rules from the Administrative Code, a responsibility that is not likely to generate any ongoing discernible cost for JCARR to perform.

FY 2014 - FY 2015 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			Appropriation	FY 2013 to FY 2014	Appropriation	FY 2014 to FY 2015		
			FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted					
JCR Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review								
GRF	029321	Operating Expenses	\$ 347,097	\$ 357,660	\$ 455,858	27.46%	\$ 456,376	0.11%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 347,097	\$ 357,660	\$ 455,858	27.46%	\$ 456,376	0.11%
Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review Total			\$ 347,097	\$ 357,660	\$ 455,858	27.46%	\$ 456,376	0.11%