

- \$100,000 available each fiscal year for special investigations by controlling board approval
- GRF appropriations increase 5.3% from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2003

Inspector General

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ROLE

The Office of Inspector General (IG) investigates fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption within the executive branch of state government. Complaints received by the office are reviewed and evaluated to determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe the underlying allegations, if true, would constitute a “wrongful act or omission” on the part of a state officer, agency, or employee.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
7	\$721,000	\$754,000	\$621,000	\$654,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

The Inspector General’s total budget decreased by 2.1 percent from FY 2001 to FY 2002, although compared to FY 2001 actual expenditures, FY 2002 appropriations are 2.9 percent higher. The Inspector General was appropriated \$1,476,923 for the FY 2000-2001 biennium but actual expenditures totaled \$1,463,415 a difference of \$13,508. Appropriations increase by 4.6 percent from FY 2002 to FY 2003. For the FY 2002-2003 biennium, the Inspector General requested \$1,913,195, but received \$1,474,798.

Due to reduced biennial funding, the Inspector General’s office will have to restructure its internal operations to accommodate the budget cuts. The Inspector General will have to prioritize office needs by determining whether to hire additional employees, replace an overloaded server, purchase a new vehicle, or update office computers. Recently, IG investigations have demanded a disproportionate amount of available resources. An increase in complaints present the IG with difficulty in accomplishing the primary mission of the office to investigate wrongdoing and to do so in a timely fashion. The increased complaints have also posed difficulties in dedicating any resources to pro-active or preventative educational efforts.

Am. Sub. H.B. 94 permits the Inspector General the use of up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year for special investigations. The \$100,000 is from the Controlling Board’s Contingency/Emergency Purposes line. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill		Version: Enacted					
IGO Inspector General							
GRF 965-321 Operating Expenses	\$ 500,206	\$ 688,605	\$602,977	\$ 620,879	2.97%	\$ 653,919	5.32%
General Revenue Fund Total	\$ 500,206	\$ 688,605	\$ 602,977	\$ 620,879	2.97%	\$ 653,919	5.32%
4Z3 965-602 Special Investigations	----	\$ 74,357	\$97,476	\$ 100,000	2.59%	\$ 100,000	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total	----	\$ 74,357	\$ 97,476	\$ 100,000	2.59%	\$ 100,000	0.00%
Inspector General Total	\$ 500,206	\$ 762,962	\$ 700,453	\$ 720,879	2.92%	\$ 753,919	4.58%