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Standard Budget Adjustments (Employment Relations Commission)

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CURRENT LAW

The Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) has a base budget of \$1,383,600 GPR and 9.01 GPR positions, as well as \$153,300 PR, annually. Each biennium, the budget bill makes a series of routine adjustments to agency base budgets to account for expected changes in continuing costs. One such adjustment provides for the full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits costs.

GOVERNOR

Provide standard budget adjustments totaling -\$7,900 GPR in 2017-18 and -\$7,000 GPR in 2018-19. These adjustments include -\$8,200 GPR annually for the full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits costs.

MODIFICATION

Modify the standard budget adjustments to provide an additional \$900 GPR annually to reflect the full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits costs.

Explanation: The bill calculated this adjustment to the WERC's funding of salaries and fringe benefits in error. Specifically, the calculation inadvertently did not include base funding for limited-term employees (LTE). As a result, annual fringe benefits costs associated with LTE fringe benefits were not calculated. The WERC's base budget includes \$11,000 for these salaries. Fringe benefits costs associated with LTE salaries generally include social security and Medicare.

	Change to	
	Base	Bill
GPR	- \$13,100	\$1,800

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