

ETHICS COMMISSION

Budget Summary							
Fund	2020-21 Base Year Doubled	2021-23 Governor	2021-23 Jt. Finance	2021-23 Legislature	2021-23 Act 58	Act 58 Change Over Base Year Doubled	
						Amount	Percent
GPR	\$1,850,000	\$1,912,400	\$1,985,600	\$1,985,600	\$1,985,600	\$135,600	7.3%
PR	<u>1,051,200</u>	<u>1,254,000</u>	<u>1,031,400</u>	<u>1,031,400</u>	<u>1,031,400</u>	- 19,800	- 1.9
TOTAL	\$2,901,200	\$3,166,400	\$3,017,000	\$3,017,000	\$3,017,000	\$115,800	4.0%

FTE Position Summary						
Fund	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Governor	2022-23 Jt. Finance	2022-23 Legislature	2022-23 Act 58	Act 58 Change Over 2020-21 Base
PR	<u>3.45</u>	<u>4.45</u>	<u>3.30</u>	<u>3.30</u>	<u>3.30</u>	- 0.15
TOTAL	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00

Budget Change Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS [LFB Paper 101]

GPR	\$62,400
PR	<u>- 24,800</u>
Total	\$37,600

Governor/Joint Finance: Provide adjustments to the base totaling \$31,200 GPR and -\$12,400 PR annually. Adjustments are for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$9,800 GPR and \$9,000 PR annually); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$21,400 GPR and -\$21,400 PR annually).

2. **DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND LOBBYING FEE INCREASE** [LFB Paper 295]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)		Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)		Assembly/Leg. (Chg. to JFC)		Net Change	
	Funding Positions		Funding Positions		Funding Positions		Funding Positions	
GPR	\$0	0.00	\$73,200	0.15	\$0	0.00	\$73,200	0.15
PR	<u>227,600</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>- 222,600</u>	<u>- 1.15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>- 0.15</u>
Total	\$227,600	1.00	-\$149,400	- 1.00	\$0	0.00	\$78,200	0.00
PR-REV	\$263,800		-\$241,100		\$3,200		\$25,900	

Governor: Provide to the lobbying administration appropriation: \$97,600 PR in 2021-22 and \$130,000 PR in 2022-23 for salary and fringe benefits; and 1.0 PR unclassified position annually to serve as a deputy administrator. The source of funding for the appropriation is lobbying fees. The Commission indicates that the deputy administrator would process complaints, conduct research and analysis, prepare recommendations for the Commission, and assist with the supervision of agency staff. Under current law, the Ethics Commission may employ an administrator and an assistant administrator in the unclassified service. However, the agency is currently only provided authority of 1.0 unclassified position for the administrator.

Specify the following modifications to lobbying fees: (a) a one-time surcharge of \$55 on principal registration and lobbyist authorization fees accrued for the 2021-22 legislative session; and (b) a principal registration and lobbyist authorization fee increase of \$55 per legislative session starting in 2023-24. Under current law, the Commission charges \$375 per session for principal registration and \$125 for lobbyist authorization. Under the bill, fees would be increased to \$430 for principal registration and \$180 for lobbyist authorization. These fees were last modified in 1995.

Joint Finance: Provision not included. Instead, provide \$63,400 GPR and \$34,200 PR in 2021-22, \$84,500 GPR and \$45,500 PR in 2022-23, and 1.0 unclassified position annually (0.65 GPR and 0.35 PR) to serve as a deputy administrator. Delete 1.0 classified ethics specialist position (0.5 GPR and 0.5 PR), effective October 1, 2021. Reduce expenditure authority associated with the deleted position by \$32,000 GPR and \$32,000 PR in 2021-22 and \$42,700 GPR and \$42,700 PR in 2022-23. Increase the principal registration fee from \$375 to \$385 and increase the lobbyist authorization fee from \$125 to \$135, beginning in the 2023-24 legislative session.

Assembly/Legislature: Specify that the fees would be increased beginning July 1, 2021.

[Act 58 Sections: 8 and 9]