

Rhode Island Ethics Commission

**FY 2013 Revised
FY 2014 Recommended
Staff Presentation
March 13, 2013**

Background

- Tasked with the prescription and publication of rules and regulations associated with the Code of Ethics
- Jurisdiction over the three branches of Rhode Island state government and over municipal and local government bodies
- Responsible for the maintenance of all required filings, including Financial Disclosure Statements, made by elected and appointed officials

Summary by Category

General Revenues	FY 2013 Enacted	FY 2013 Revised	FY 2014 Governor	FY 2014 Change to Enacted
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,337,258	\$ 1,337,996	\$ 1,377,281	\$ 40,023
Contracted Services	42,750	32,750	31,500	(11,250)
Operations	170,755	172,989	162,305	(8,450)
Capital	7,118	7,118	6,118	(1,000)
Total	\$ 1,557,881	\$ 1,550,853	\$ 1,577,204	\$ 19,323

Target Issues

Commission provided with general revenue target of \$1,486,876

- Constrained Request \$20 less than target
 - Elimination of 2.0 full-time positions
- Governor's recommendation \$19,323 more than target
 - Fully funds authorized 12.0 full-time positions

Personnel

Full-Time Positions	FTEs	Change to Enacted
Enacted Authorized	12.0	-
FY 2013 Request	12.0	-
FY 2014 Request	12.0	-
FY 2014 Governor	12.0	-
FY 2012 Average Filled	11.3	(0.7)
Filled as of March 9 th	12.0	-

Personnel

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- \$1,337,996 from general revenues
 - \$738 more than enacted
 - Includes medical benefit savings

FY 2014

- \$1,377,281 from general revenues
 - \$40,023 more than enacted
 - Includes statewide benefit savings

Operations

FY 2013 Revised and FY 2014

Recommendation: \$0.2 million each year

- Lease of Commission office space (non-state)
 - No change from budget as enacted
- Reduction in contracted legal services
 - \$10,000 less than enacted for FY 2013
 - \$13,000 less than enacted for FY 2014
- Reductions in office expenses
 - Utility costs, postage, and advertising
 - Includes additional reductions for these items for FY 2014, consistent with constrained proposal

Reappropriation

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- Includes \$4,234 reappropriation
 - Expenses related to online financial disclosure system
 - Delay in online reporting system operations resulted in mailing delays

Contracted Services and Operations

Expenditure History:

Total	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Initial Request	\$1,347,752	\$1,445,830	\$1,506,582	\$1,537,043
Enacted	\$1,405,309	\$1,437,730	\$1,482,659	\$1,560,008
Revised Request	\$1,432,282	\$1,461,423	\$1,456,670	\$1,525,580
Final	\$1,388,302	\$1,412,657	\$1,454,869	\$1,462,946
Actual	\$1,349,725	\$1,366,012	\$1,419,804	\$1,410,814

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