



Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



FY21 Proposed Budget

04-158 – Public Service Commission

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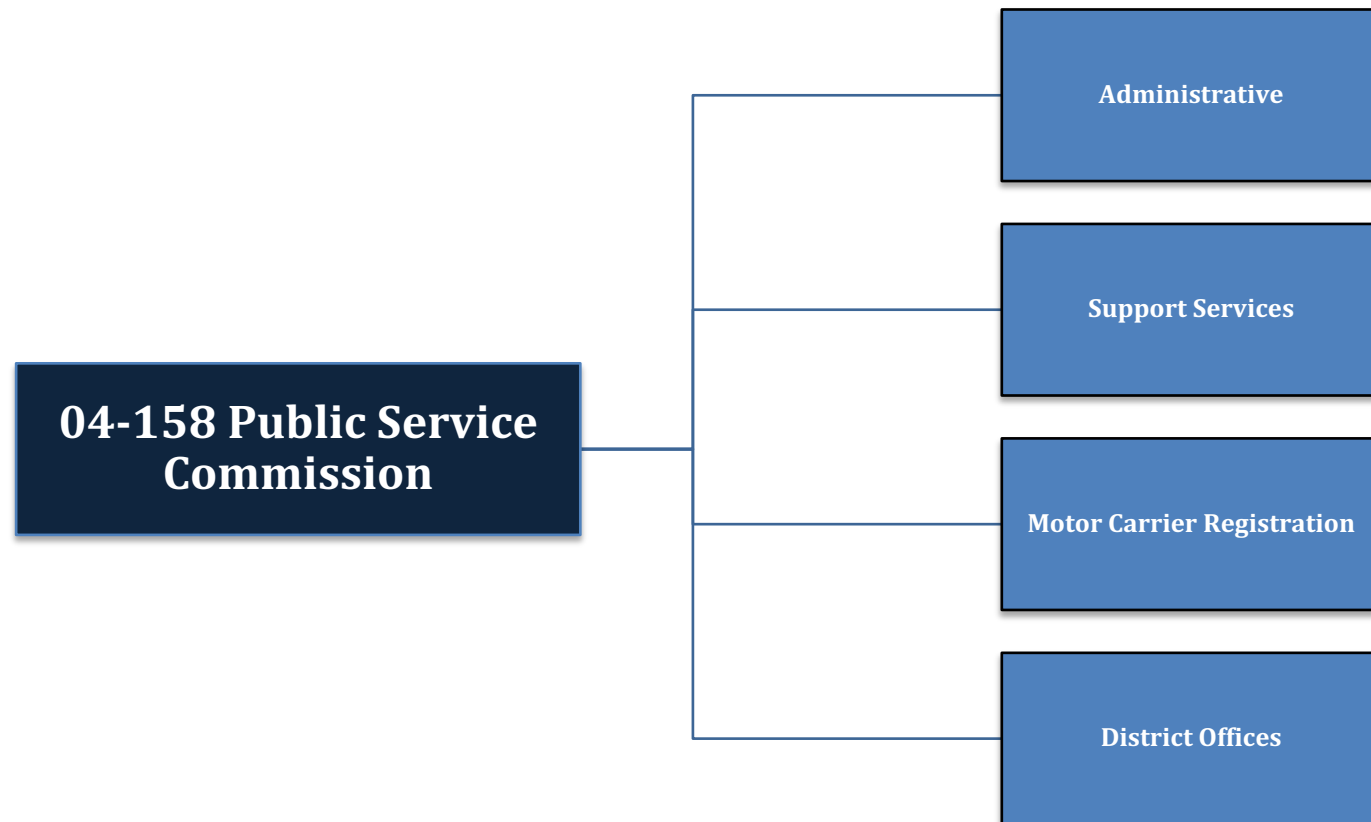
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Schedule 04-158 — Public Service Commission

Departmental mission — The Public Service Commission's mission is to impartially, equitably, and efficiently regulate the rates and services of public utilities and common carriers operating in the State of Louisiana so as to ensure safe, reliable, and reasonably priced services for consumers; a fair rate of return for the regulated utilities and common carriers; and to carry out legislative mandates, such as "Do Not Call" regulations.

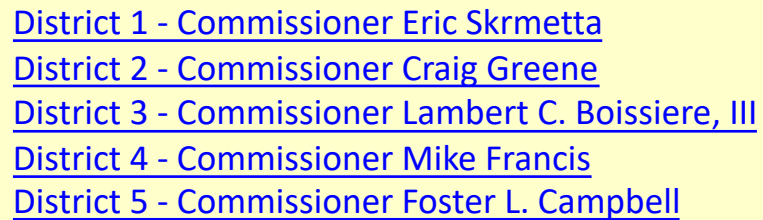




Dept. of Public Service

FY21 Proposed Means of Finance by Agency

Agency	Program Description
Administrative	Provides executive leadership for fiscal, legal, IT, and general support functions; and provides the oversight necessary for efficient operation of the Commission resulting in achievement of the department's overall mission of regulating public utilities and common carriers.
Support Services	Reviews, analyzes, and investigates rates and charges filed before the Commission with respect to prudence and adequacy of those rates; manages the progress of adjudicatory proceedings; conducts evidentiary hearings in an impartial, fair, professional and orderly manner; and make rules and recommendations to the Commissioners which are just, and which generate the highest degree of public confidence in the Commission's integrity and fairness.
Motor Carrier Registration	Provides fair and impartial regulations of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire.
District Offices	Provides accessibility and information to the public on regulation as it applies to the services provided to the consumer.





Public Service Commission

FY19, FY20, and FY21 Comparison

Total Funding — All Means of Finance

Total Funding	FY19 Actual	FY20 Enacted	FY20 EOB as of 12-1-19	FY21 Proposed	<i>Difference FY20 EOB HB1 vs. FY21 Proposed as of 12-1-19</i>
Administrative	\$ 3,282,692	\$ 3,923,547	\$ 3,923,547	\$ 4,149,198	\$ 225,651
Support Services	\$ 2,077,873	\$ 2,283,955	\$ 2,283,955	\$ 2,478,208	\$ 194,253
Motor Carrier Registration	\$ 615,205	\$ 628,641	\$ 628,641	\$ 648,339	\$ 19,698
District Offices	\$ 2,513,294	\$ 2,886,393	\$ 2,886,393	\$ 2,967,098	\$ 80,705
TOTAL	\$ 8,489,064	\$ 9,722,536	\$ 9,722,536	\$ 10,242,843	\$ 520,307
Total Authorized FTEs	97	97	97	97	-

Total MOF by Agency for FY21	SGF	IAT	FSGR	Stat Deds	Federal	Total
Administrative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,149,198	\$0	\$4,149,198
Support Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,478,208	\$0	\$2,478,208
Motor Carrier Registration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$648,339	\$0	\$648,339
District Offices	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,967,098	\$0	\$2,967,098
Dept. of Public Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,242,843	\$0	\$10,242,843

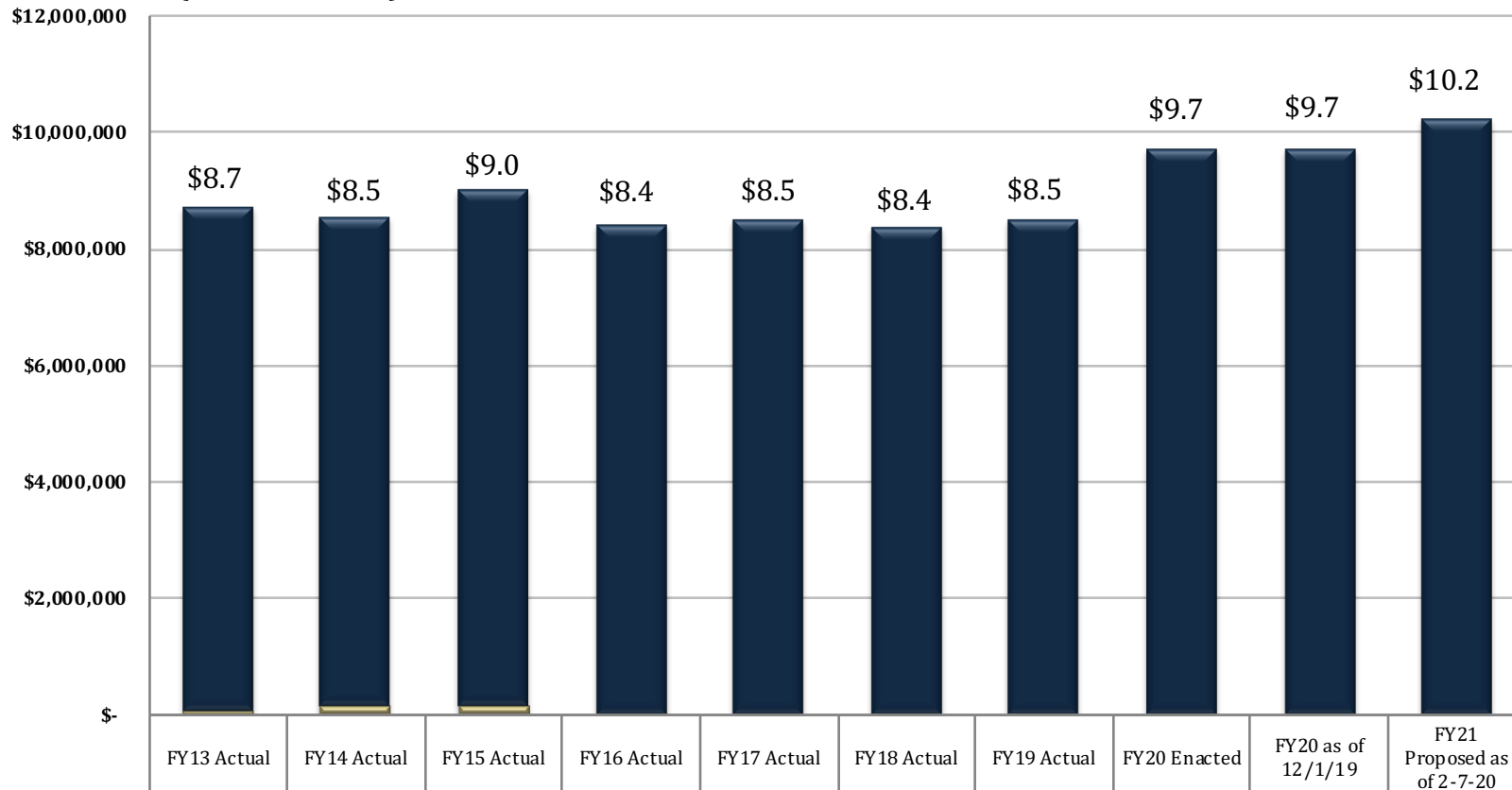


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Changes in Funding since FY13

**Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance
(in \$ millions)**

Change from FY13 to FY21 is +17.2%.



Interim Updates

No significant interim updates.

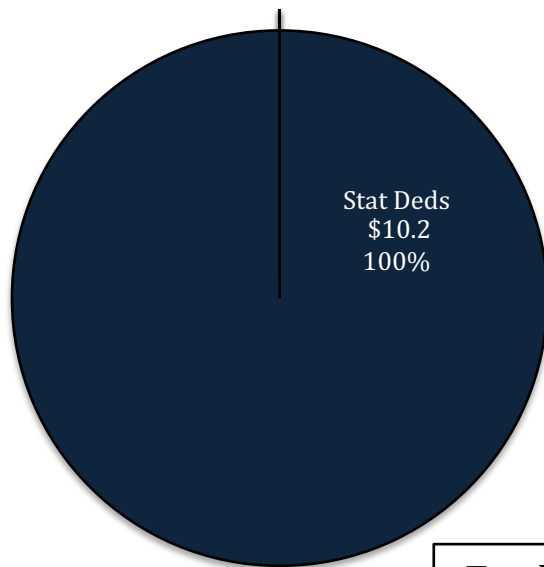
	FY13 Actual	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Enacted	FY20 as of 12/1/19	FY21 Proposed as of 2-7-20
SGF	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
IAT	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
FSGR	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
STAT DED	\$8,617,853	\$8,372,064	\$8,872,612	\$8,429,499	\$8,485,175	\$8,366,686	\$8,489,064	\$9,722,536	\$9,722,536	\$10,242,843
FED	\$79,794	\$147,573	\$136,555	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-



Public Service Commission

FY21 Proposed Means of Finance & Dedicated Funding

**FY21 Proposed
Total Means of Finance
(In Millions)**



Total \$10.2 m.

Non-SGF Sources of Funding:

Non-SGF means of finance includes only **Statutory Dedications**.

Dedications used by the department include the Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund (S), the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Fund (S), and the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund (S). Funds are generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers, contract carriers, and public utilities. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission.

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	FY19 Actual	FY20EOB	FY21 Proposed
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	Fees, Fines and Penalties	\$269,633	\$275,000	\$220,662
Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund	Fees, Fines and Penalties	\$231,661	\$249,103	\$239,103
Utility & Carrier Inspection & Supervision Fund	Fees, Fines and Penalties	\$7,987,770	\$9,198,433	\$9,783,078
TOTALS		\$8,489,064	\$9,722,536	\$10,242,843



Dept. of Public Service Categorical Expenditures FY19, FY20, and FY21

Expenditure Category	FY19 Actual	FY20 EOB (as of 12-01-19)	FY21		Difference FY20 to FY21
			Proposed Budget	Category as Percent of Total	
Personal Services:	\$6,897,001	\$7,875,423	\$8,429,988	82.30%	\$554,565
Salaries	\$4,377,814	\$4,943,316	\$5,222,373	50.99%	\$279,057
Other Compensation	\$16,402	\$38,000	\$38,000	0.37%	\$0
Related Benefits	\$2,502,785	\$2,894,107	\$3,169,615	30.94%	\$275,508
Operating Expenses:	\$441,278	\$494,758	\$494,758	4.83%	\$0
Travel	\$32,048	\$90,868	\$90,868	0.89%	\$0
Operating Services	\$388,085	\$375,351	\$375,351	3.66%	\$0
Supplies	\$21,145	\$28,539	\$28,539	0.28%	\$0
Professional Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.05%	\$0
Other Charges:	\$1,055,973	\$1,216,855	\$1,241,237	12.12%	\$24,382
Other Charges	\$107,027	\$115,950	\$121,350	1.18%	\$5,400
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$948,946	\$1,100,905	\$1,119,887	10.93%	\$18,982
Acquisitions & Major Repairs:	\$94,812	\$130,500	\$71,860	0.70%	(\$58,640)
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Major Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$8,489,064	\$9,722,536	\$10,242,843	100.00%	\$520,307



Significant Budget Adjustments Proposed for FY21

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,722,536	\$0	\$9,722,536	97	FY20 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-19
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131,209	\$0	\$131,209	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$342,968	\$0	\$342,968	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$28,970)	\$0	(\$28,970)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,801	\$0	\$17,801	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,378	\$0	\$13,378	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$394,746	\$0	\$394,746	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$316,567)	\$0	(\$316,567)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,860	\$0	\$71,860	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$130,500)	\$0	(\$130,500)	0	Nonrecurring Acquisitions and Major Repairs
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,270)	\$0	(\$2,270)	0	Risk Management
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,741	\$0	\$14,741	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,762	\$0	\$4,762	0	Rent in State-owned Buildings
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$343	\$0	\$343	0	Capitol Park Security
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$215)	\$0	(\$215)	0	UPS Fees
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$774)	\$0	(\$774)	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$581	\$0	\$581	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,814	\$0	\$1,814	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$514,907	\$0	\$514,907	0	Total Statewide Adjustments
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,400	\$0	\$5,400	0	TOTAL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ADJUSTMENT
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,242,843	\$0	\$10,242,843	97	Total FY21 Proposed Budget
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$520,307	\$0	\$520,307	0	Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific)



Department of Public Service

Non-Statewide Adjustments Proposed for FY21

Means of Financing Substitutions

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	MOTOR CARRIER REG. -Means of financing substitution removing \$54,338 from the statutory dedicated Motor Carrier Regulation Fund and increasing the statutory dedicated Utility and Carrier Inspection/Supervision Fund by \$54,338 due to a decrease in fines issued for illegal operations. The decrease in fines causes the Utility and Carrier Inspection/Supervision Fund to be disproportionate in personnel services.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	Total MOF Substitutions

Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$3,000)	\$0	(\$3,000)	0	ADMINISTRATIVE -Provides for a reduction out of the Utility and Carrier Inspection/Supervision Fund which supports upgrades to the Security Tracking and Registration System (STAR) PSC Case Management and Power Outage Mapping Application contracts. As upgrades are completed, the budget request is reduced for these contracts. \$25,000 is recommended for FY21 for these contracts.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,400	\$0	\$8,400	0	DISTRICT OFFICES -Provides for an increase in the Utility and Carrier Inspection/Supervision Fund to allow audio and video streaming of the Commissioner's business and executive sessions for the general public unable to attend meetings which are held throughout the state. Broadcasts are sent via satellite to all 23 television stations in the state.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,400	\$0	\$5,400	0	Total Other Adjustments

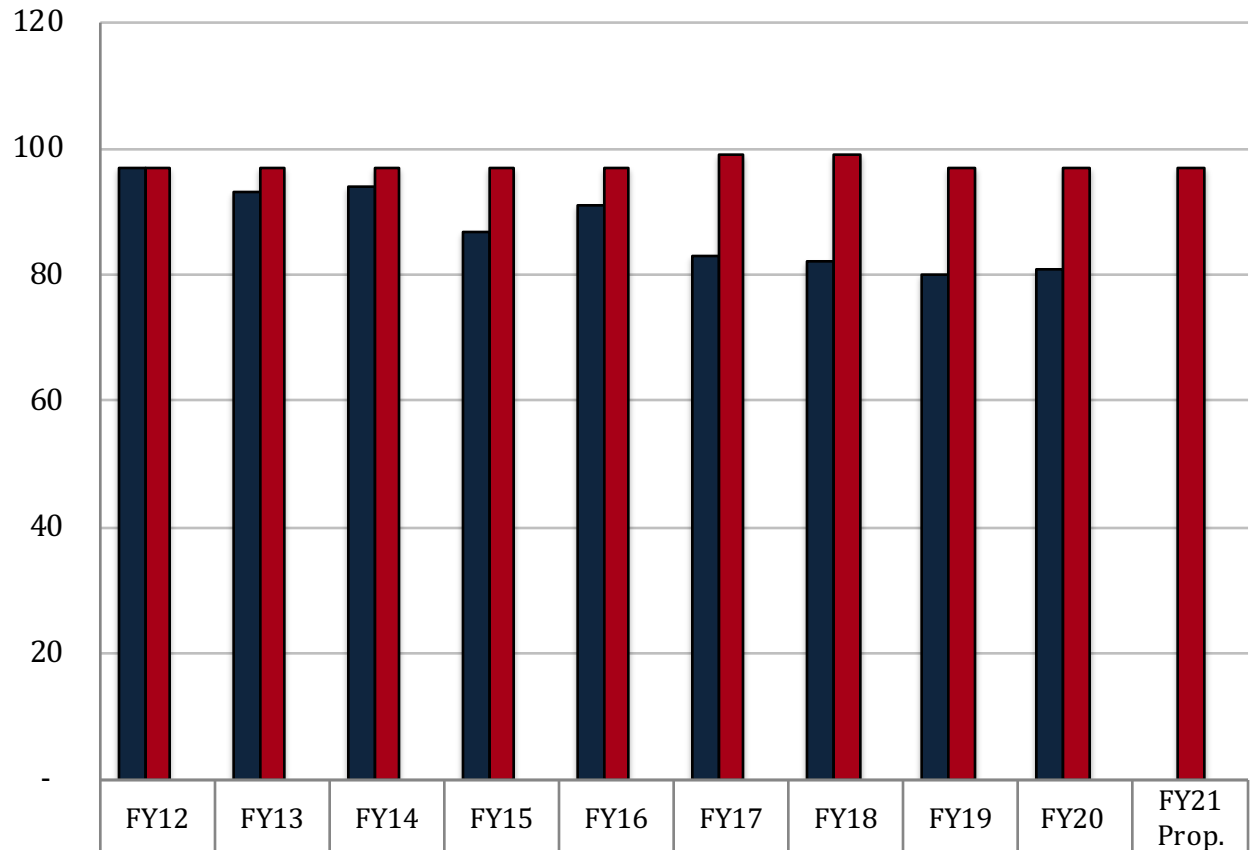


Public Service Commission

FTEs, Authorized Positions, and Other Charges Positions

FY21 Proposed Budget includes funding for related benefits of all positions in the amount of \$3.2m.

Out of the \$3.2m, \$1.7m are for UAL payments, \$0.498m are for retirees' health benefits, the remaining amount of \$1.0m are the employer contributions to the benefits of active employees, of which 0% is SGF.



	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21 Prop.
■ Total FTEs (as of July 1 of each fiscal year)	97	93	94	87	91	83	82	80	81	-
■ Total Authorized Positions (Enacted)	97	97	97	97	97	99	99	97	97	97
■ Authorized Other Charges Positions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

Data for Total FTEs uses the first weekly employment report published by State Civil Service in July at the start of the named fiscal year.

Data for Total Authorized Positions uses fiscal year enacted levels, except for FY21 Proposed.

Data for Other Charges Positions are reflected in the Executive Budget per Act 377 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session (beginning in FY15).



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Schedule 04-158 — Staff Demographic Data

The following table shows a breakdown of departmental staff by demographic data.

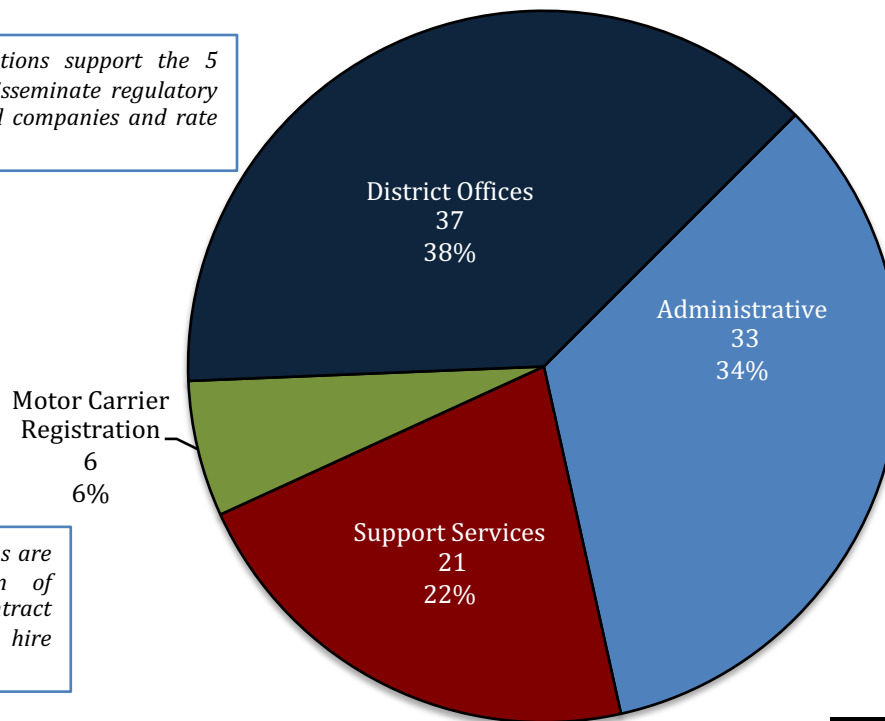
Gender	
Female	50
Male	29
Race	
Black	17
White	60
Other	2
Retirement Eligible Within 1 Year	16



Public Service Commission

FY21 Proposed Total Authorized Positions by Agency

District Offices - These positions support the 5 elected commissioners who disseminate regulatory information to both regulated companies and rate payers.



Motor Carrier - These positions are engaged in the regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire within the state.

Administrative - The majority of positions are involved in management & finance and the overall operations of the department. The remaining positions include executive functions, "Do Not Call", and legal services.

Support Services - This includes positions for regulation of public utilities and common carriers. The remaining positions administer public hearings and maintain evidentiary records related to rates and services of public utilities and common carriers.

Dept. of Public Service	
Administrative	33
Support Services	21
Motor Carrier Registration	6
District Offices	37
TOTAL	97



Public Service Commission

Significant Points of Interest for FY21

- \$342,968 – The department receives a related benefits base adjustment for FY21.
- \$394,746 – The department receives a salary base adjustment for FY21.
- (\$316,567) – This amount is the anticipated attrition adjustment for the department.



Public Service Commission

Enacted Appropriation vs. Actual Expenditure Analysis — FY17 to FY19

The following charts show Enacted vs. Actual budget comparisons for the specified fiscal years. Rarely are these totals exactly the same. The differences can be attributed to a number of reasons: revenue that was not collected, and therefore, expenditures that could not be made; unanticipated revenue shortfalls that may require a supplemental appropriation; expenditure authority that was anticipated to be needed but the expense never materialized; etc.

Public Service Commission	FY17 Enacted	FY17 Actual	FY17 Difference
State General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Statutory Dedications	\$9,699,663	\$8,485,175	(\$1,214,488)
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$9,699,663	\$8,485,175	(\$1,214,488)

Note 1 – Negative Difference numbers show excess budget authority or less revenue than anticipated.

Public Service Commission	FY18 Enacted	FY18 Actual	FY18 Difference
State General Fund	\$66,396	\$0	(\$66,396)
Interagency Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Statutory Dedications	\$9,697,618	\$8,366,686	(\$1,330,932)
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$9,764,014	\$8,366,686	(\$1,397,328)

Note 2 — Cells highlighted in yellow mean more funding was needed or that a funding source was underbudgeted.

Public Service Commission	FY19 Enacted	FY19 Actual	FY19 Difference
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
Statutory Dedications	\$ 9,722,536	\$ 8,489,064	(\$1,233,472)
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$0
TOTAL	\$ 9,722,536	\$ 8,489,064	(\$1,233,472)

In any given year, the Department of Public Service may receive less fees than expected. These fees have historically been appropriated out of statutory dedications. The Revenue Estimating Conference would recognize any adjustments.



Impact from COVID-19

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE RESPONSE TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

- The Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has had no direct involvement in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. There have been no additional activities undertaken or increases in hours worked or caseloads.
 - This emergency has had little impact on expenditures. The Commission has one expenditure of \$5,000 for Public Service Announcements. This expense qualifies for a 75% reimbursement from FEMA and has been reported in WebEOC. We expect to receive a FEMA reimbursement of \$3,750.00.
- To date, there has been no impact on revenue collections. For FY20, lost revenue, if any, will be minimal and have no material impact. The Commission does not anticipate any changes going into the ensuing fiscal year nor does the department foresee requesting any changes to the FY21 budget.



Department of Public Service

House Amendments to HB 105

House Amendments to HB105						
HB 105	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal	TOTAL
Original	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,242,843	\$0	\$10,242,843
Appropriations Amendments:	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal	TOTAL
No Changes were made to the proposed budget for this department.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ReEngrossed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,242,843	\$0	\$10,242,843
Difference HB105 Original to HB105 ReEngrossed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: Dollar totals of the ReEngrossed HB105 for the 2020 Regular Session are the same as the totals in HB1 Original for the First Extraordinary Session of 2020.