



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL No. 1424 PRINTER'S NO: 1746 PRIME SPONSOR: D. Evans

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
State Funds—restricted revenue account (utilities)	\$5,124,000	\$0

OVERVIEW:

This bill appropriates \$5,124,000 to the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) within the Office of the Attorney General for the operations of the OCA for Fiscal Year 2009/10. Funding for the OCA comes from assessments on the utilities regulated by the Public Utility Commission.

The effective date is July 1, 2009, or immediately, whichever is later.

ANALYSIS:

The bill appropriates the Governor's recommended 2009/10 budget of \$5,124,000 for the operations of the OCA. This bill *decreases* the appropriation to the OCA by \$81,000 (-1.6%) over the 2008/09 appropriation of \$5,205,000. The Consumer Advocate had originally requested \$5,315,000 for the budget year, which would have been an \$110,000 increase (+2.1%).

The difference between the two numbers is personnel costs. The amount requested by the OCA reflects a full complement of thirty-five persons. The Governor's number accounts for four vacancies to be funded for only half a year (13 pay periods).

Sources used in the preparation of this fiscal note include budget documentation and testimony submitted to the Committee of Appropriations and other information provided by the Office of the Consumer Advocate.

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