

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

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- The enacted funding level for FY 2006 is equal to the Committee's FY 2005 appropriation and FY 2007 is 2% above FY 2006

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) is responsible for the review of proposed new, amended, and rescinded rules from state agencies that have rule-making authority. This review is to ensure that the change in rule does not exceed the scope of an agency's statutory authority, that the rules do not conflict with an existing rule of that agency or another rule-making agency, and that the rules do not conflict with legislative intent. JCARR also makes sure that agencies complete a rule summary and fiscal analysis of all proposed rule changes. JCARR will recommend to the General Assembly that a rule be invalidated if the preceding criteria are not met.

The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review is entirely supported through General Revenue Fund dollars. The agency received its first individual budget under the 122nd General Assembly. Prior to that, the agency received funding through the General Assembly.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
14	\$379,769	\$387,364	\$379,769	\$387,364	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

JCARR has ten members: five state representatives and five state senators. In odd-numbered years, the chairperson is a House member and in even-numbered years, the chairperson is a Senate member. Members are reimbursed for meetings and travel expenses. A four-member staff consisting of an Executive Director, an Assistant Director, a Rules Analyst, and an Administrative Assistant serves the Committee. An additional administrative position is likely to be filled soon.

Vetoed Provisions

There were no vetoed provisions for the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Operating Expenses

Purpose: Provides for the review of agency rules.

The following table shows the line item that is used to fund the single program series, Administrative Rule Review, as well as the enacted funding level.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	029-321	Operating Expenses	\$379,769	\$387,364
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$379,769	\$387,364
Total Funding: Administrative Rule Review			\$379,769	\$387,364

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Administrative Rule Review program series:

Administrative Rule Review

Program Description: The Administrative Rule Review program supports the review of approximately 12,000 rules annually and supports the five staff positions responsible for agency rule review. The program also compensates Committee members for meetings and travel expenses.

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The enacted budget will allow JCARR and the Committee staff to continue rule review at FY 2005 levels in FYs 2006 and 2007.