



Jan. 12th Brief: Judicial Conduct Commission

CAPITAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUMMARY

The Judicial Conduct Commission is a quasi-independent agency that investigates and resolves complaints against Utah judges. The executive director manages claims, assigns investigators, and recommends prosecution of judges when necessary. The commission dismisses approximately ninety percent of all claims, resolves five percent by stipulation, and conducts formal hearings for five percent of all claims.

Judicial Conduct Commission Membership			
Legislators	Judges	Attorneys	Public
Sen. Gene Davis	Hon. Russell Bench	Ruth Lybbert, Chair	Rod Orton, Vice-Chair
Sen. Gregory Bell	Hon. Royal Hansen	Ronald Russell	Elaine Englehardt, PhD
Rep. Neal Hendrickson			Flora Ogan
Rep. Douglas Aagard			

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FY 2009 Budget Reductions

During the 2008 Special Session the Legislature reduced the Judicial Conduct Commission budget by \$7,900 ongoing General Fund. The reduction primarily reduced current expenses.

FY 2009 Additional 7.5% Budget Reductions

The Analyst recommends a one-time reduction of \$19,200 General Fund in current expenses.

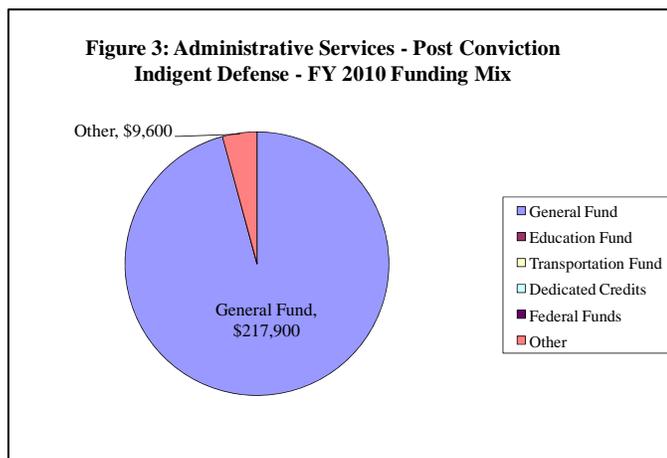
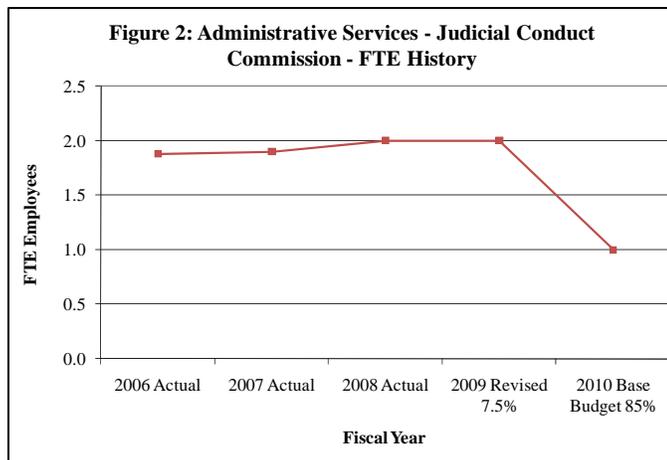
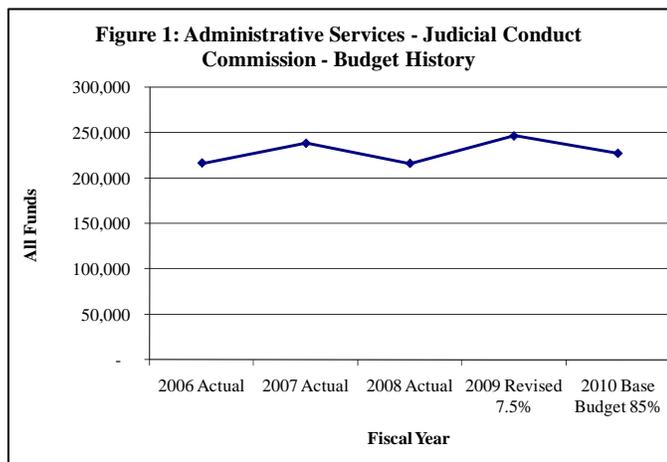
FY 2010 Base Budget Reduction of 15%

The Analyst recommends ongoing budget reductions of \$38,500 General Fund from personnel (a reduction of 1.0 FTE).

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends the Legislature consider adopting:

1. A FY 2009 one-time 7.5% reduction of \$19,200 from the General Fund
2. A FY 2010 ongoing 15% base budget reduction of \$38,500 from the General Fund



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BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Administrative Services - Judicial Conduct Commission								
	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	7.5%	FY 2009	FY 2010	15%	FY 2010
Sources of Finance	Actual	Actual	Approp	Reduction	Revised	Base	Reduction	Revised
General Fund	244,500	254,700	256,400	0	256,400	256,400	(38,500)	217,900
General Fund, One-time	(600)	0	0	(19,200)	(19,200)	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	54,000	59,200	97,500	0	97,500	87,900	0	87,900
Closing Nonlapsing	(59,200)	(97,500)	(87,900)	0	(87,900)	(78,300)	0	(78,300)
Total	238,700	216,400	266,000	(19,200)	246,800	266,000	(38,500)	227,500
Programs								
Judicial Conduct Commission	238,700	216,400	266,000	(19,200)	246,800	266,000	(38,500)	227,500
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Categories of Expenditure								
Personal Services	184,600	183,100	207,200	0	207,200	207,200	(38,500)	168,700
In-State Travel	3,100	2,700	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	0	3,500
Out of State Travel	6,600	4,400	6,600	0	6,600	6,600	0	6,600
Current Expense	33,400	21,900	40,600	(19,200)	21,400	40,600	0	40,600
DP Current Expense	11,000	4,300	8,100	0	8,100	8,100	0	8,100
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	238,700	216,400	266,000	(19,200)	246,800	266,000	(38,500)	227,500
Other Data								
Budgeted FTE	1.90	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	(1.00)	1.00
Actual FTE	1.77	1.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00