



Budget Brief: SITLA

SUMMARY

School and Institutional Trust Land Administration (SITLA) was established as a quasi-governmental independent state agency in 1994 to manage all school and institutional trust lands and associated assets. A part of the generated revenue is used for SITLA's capital and operating expenses and the rest is deposited into the Permanent School Fund.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Temporary RS2477 Resource Specialist

SITLA is working with the Public Lands Coordinating Council to help counties resolve the RS 2477 claims involving trust lands. The data must be analyzed and determinations made on each claim. SITLA is requesting funding to utilize the temporary Resource Specialist hired with one-time funding appropriated last General Session to continue to help with the RS 2477 process. The Analyst recommends the Subcommittee provide for FY 2010 a one-time appropriation of \$46,400.

Coal Study

SITLA is requesting one-time funds for a study that will conduct drilling on a trust lands coal tract and assess the feasibility of the resource base for future mining opportunities. The Analyst recommends the Subcommittee appropriate for FY 2010 a one-time appropriation of \$200,000.

Mine Safety Evaluation

The agency is requesting a \$50,000 one-time appropriation for FY 2010 to hire professional and technical services to evaluate and remediate potential hazards on mines located on trust lands. The Analyst recommends the funding be provided.

Land Exchange Funding

The 2005 Legislature provided a \$200,000 ongoing appropriation to be used by SITLA for appraisals and technical support in preparation for land exchanges with the federal government. But because the process authorizing the land exchanges has been slow, this funding was not utilized as intended. During the last General Session the Legislature authorized SITLA to use \$98,000 one time of this funding for its office remodeling. The Analyst recommends that in FY 2010 the Legislature eliminate the \$200,000 ongoing funding, which will increase the permanent trust fund by that amount.

School & Institutional Trust Lands						
Sources of Finance	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2009 Revised	Changes	FY 2010* Base Budget
Land Grant Mgt Fund	19,791,000	26,471,900	0	26,471,900	(7,777,400)	18,694,500
Lapsing Balance	(605,400)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$19,185,600	\$26,471,900	\$0	\$26,471,900	(\$7,777,400)	\$18,694,500
Line Items						
School & Inst Trust Lands	9,050,400	9,971,900	0	9,971,900	(77,400)	9,894,500
SITLA Capital	10,135,200	16,500,000	0	16,500,000	(7,700,000)	8,800,000
Total	\$19,185,600	\$26,471,900	\$0	\$26,471,900	(\$7,777,400)	\$18,694,500
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	6,251,900	7,074,500	(153,800)	6,920,700	(29,200)	6,891,500
In-State Travel	113,600	111,800	17,400	129,200	0	129,200
Out of State Travel	63,900	107,500	(33,400)	74,100	0	74,100
Current Expense	2,882,800	2,714,600	(68,300)	2,646,300	330,000	2,976,300
DP Current Expense	226,600	234,200	(7,500)	226,700	0	226,700
DP Capital Outlay	63,300	121,000	(115,100)	5,900	0	5,900
Capital Outlay	5,600,400	16,044,000	(940,000)	15,104,000	(8,813,200)	6,290,800
Other Charges/Pass Thru	3,983,100	64,300	1,300,700	1,365,000	735,000	2,100,000
Total	\$19,185,600	\$26,471,900	\$0	\$26,471,900	(\$7,777,400)	\$18,694,500
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	71.3	69.0	-2.3	66.8	0.0	66.8
Vehicles	18.0	18.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	18.0
*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.						