

# Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Presentation to the Executive Appropriations  
Committee

2016 General Session

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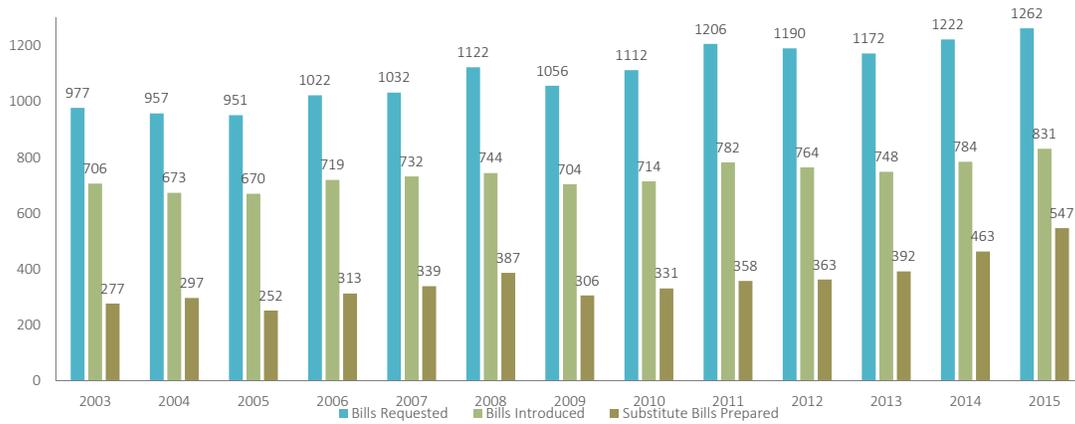
## FY 2016 OLRGC BUDGET \$9,032,700

Employee Compensation – 95%  
Permanent employees – 91%  
Legislative interns and  
other temporary help – 4%

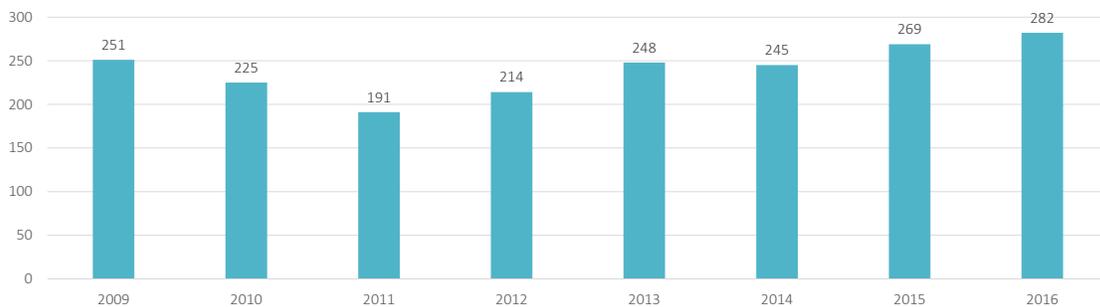
Current Expense and Travel – 3%  
Examples  
*Books & Subscriptions*  
*Risk Mgt. premiums*  
*Membership dues*  
*Travel, conventions*

Data Processing – 2%  
Examples  
*DTS charges*  
*DTS Supplies*

Utah Legislature  
**Bills Requested, Introduced, and Substituted**  
 2003 to 2015 General Session



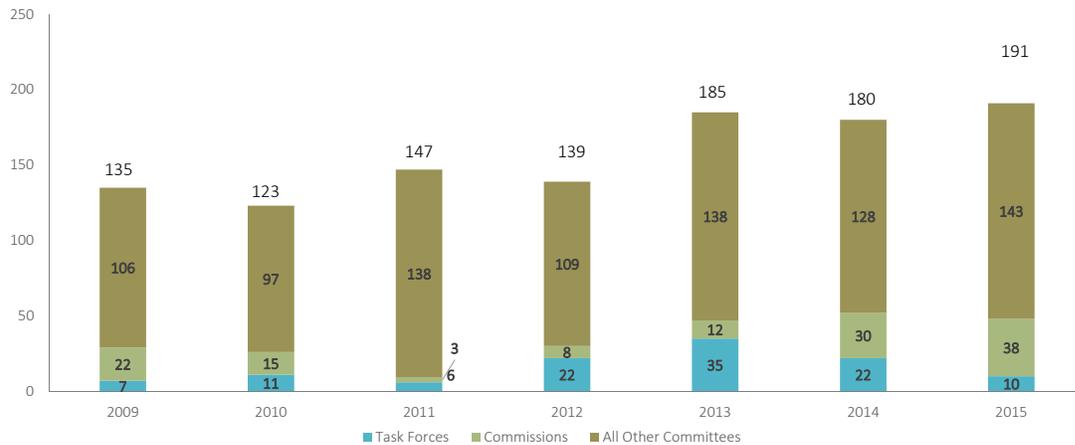
Utah Legislature  
**Number of Bills Introduced on First Day of Session**  
 2007-2016



Utah Legislature

## Committee Meetings During Interim

2004 to 2015 Interim Periods



## Comments of Interim Committee, Task Force, and Commission Chairs -2015

interviews conducted by Michael Christensen

Health Reform Task Force – Staff: Cathy Dupont, Mark Andrews

Senator Christensen – “No one better than Cathy anywhere.” “Mark is such a nerd – exactly what I need.”

Representative Dunnigan – “Both are absolutely terrific, outstanding.”

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment – Staff: Ruthanne Frost, Brian Allred

Senator Jenkins – Ruthanne is “very good. It’s taken some time to get to know her but she is coming along. I love Brian. So eager to help, so much fun.”

Representative Noel – Both “are great, could not ask for anything better.”

## Chair comments continued

Administrative Rules Review Committee – Staff: Art Hunsaker, Christine Gilbert

Senator Stephenson – “Both have been absolutely outstanding. I couldn’t ask for better service – just great.”

Representative Oda – “Both are awesome.”

Business and Labor – Staff: Bryant Howe, Christine Gilbert, Patricia Owen

Senator Bramble – “I would give the highest marks to Bryant. He has pulled our bacon out of the fire more than once. Outstanding.” All three “anticipate things. They intervene when appropriate. Just terrific.”

Representative Dunnigan – Bryant “is simply outstanding.” Christine is “good but new.” Patricia “is just excellent.”

## Chair comment continued

Revenue and Taxation – Staff: Bryant Howe, Leif Elder

Senator Henderson – All are “awesome, really excellent. You have a remarkable staff Mike. Just keep them.”

Representative McCay – They are all, “Off the chart. If you make a change, I’ll throw a tantrum.”

Transportation Interim Committee – Staff: Shannon Halverson, Art Hunsaker

Senator VanTassell – Both Art and Shannon are “great, conscientious, very pleased. No complaints.”

Representative Anderson – “Both went above and beyond this year. Broke up committee into four working groups, then they staffed all of them. Field trip was great.”

## Chair Comments Continued

Government Communications Task Force – Staff: Victoria Ashby, Joe Wade

Senator Harper – “Both Joe and Victoria did a superb job, had the answers. No complaints, just terrific.”

Representative Dee – “Really good, both soft-spoken but good attention to detail, served us very well. Smart, knowledgeable.”

Prison Relocation Commission – Staff: Bob Rees, Bryant Howe, Brian Bean

Senator Stevenson – “Is there a grade above A+? They have all been just super, so wise, so informed, just terrific. Always go the extra mile.”

Representative Wilson – “Couldn’t ask for better service. Give them all a raise. On top of everything. Just excellent.”

## Minority Party Comments

### Senator Gene Davis

“Very happy. I have received no complaints from my caucus. Eric Weeks has been especially helpful in helping us get what we wanted addressed. We are very happy with what is going on. I have relied on Mark Andrews a lot so Cathy can focus on drafting. I think that has helped. Very good staff. Thank you.”

### Senator Karen Mayne

“Great service. That poor Victoria. We were mean. She has worked so hard. She has been so good. We should double your pay. Your whole staff is wonderful.”

### Senator Jim Dabakis

“99.9825% approval. They all are wonderful. Especially Eric Weeks. He has won the trust of all the players. But your whole office is just wonderful. Couldn't be more pleased.”