Legislative staff asked USOR to explain the discrepancy between staff counts last Legislative Session and USOR staff counts in its current budget submission.

In response, USOR offered the following:

“In review of the data provided, we see a total decrease in USOR full-time equivalent positions [staff counts] of 46.21. In an attempt to balance the USOR budget, aggressive measures were taken including the elimination of 43 FTEs. A few new FTEs were created through restructuring of the Executive Director’s office in order to address organizational deficiencies . . . We did gather and compile information from each of USOR’s Division Directors in order to get an accurate FTE count for the recent completion of [our budget submission]. The trend we see between the two systems and across years appears reasonable given the actions undertaken recently at USOR.”