

**Public Service Commission - Budget No. 408**  
**House Bill No. 1008**  
**Base Level Funding Changes**

	Executive Budget Recommendation				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2021-23 Biennium Base Level</b>	43.00	\$6,714,928	\$12,172,476	\$18,887,404	43.00	\$6,714,928	\$12,172,476	\$18,887,404
<b>2021-23 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>								
Base payroll changes		\$75,499	(\$65,384)	\$10,115				\$0
Salary increase		149,897	105,520	255,417				0
Health insurance increase		1,258	885	2,143				0
Retirement contribution increase		30,848	21,716	52,564				0
Reclassifies and provides funding for a natural gas pipeline inspector position		167,547	167,548	335,095				0
Reduces general fund by 10 percent		(746,993)		(746,993)				0
Transitions to self-funding programs			550,000	550,000				0
Adds funding from federal funds for specialized legal services			336,000	336,000				0
Adds funding for rent model change		210,287		210,287				0
Adds funding from federal funds for annual inspector training			20,000	20,000				0
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		4,737		4,737				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	(\$106,920)	\$1,136,285	\$1,029,365	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>One-time funding items</b>								
Adds funding to replace real-time kinematic equipment		\$5,400	\$114,600	\$120,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$5,400	\$114,600	\$120,000	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	0.00	(\$101,520)	\$1,250,885	\$1,149,365	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>2021-23 Total Funding</b>	43.00	\$6,613,408	\$13,423,361	\$20,036,769	43.00	\$6,714,928	\$12,172,476	\$18,887,404
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	(1.6%)	9.3%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	(1.5%)	10.3%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Other Sections in Public Service Commission - Budget No. 408**

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Beginning farmer revolving loan fund	Section 3 would authorize a \$900,000 transfer from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to the Public Service Commission to pay for costs associated with a rail rate complaint case. The Public Service Commission would reimburse the beginning farmer revolving loan fund using amounts available from damages or proceeds, net of legal fees.	
Salary of commissioners	Section 4 would provide the statutory changes increasing the Public Service Commissioners' salary. The Public Service Commissioners' annual salary would increase from the current level of \$113,600 to \$115,872, effective July 1, 2021, and to \$118,189, effective July 1, 2022, to reflect the 2 percent and 2 percent recommended salary increase.	
Railroad safety program	Section 5 would amend Section 57-43.2-19 to increase the deposit from \$294,509 to \$309,843 per year from special fuels taxes into the rail safety fund through June 30, 2023.	

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Public Service Commission program fund

Section 6 creates a new section in Chapter 49-01 to establish the Public Service Commission program fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission. The section also requires fees collected from weights and measures, public utility assessment, siting administrative fees, and from the investment of the fund be deposited in the Public Service Commission program fund. The section also requires the Office of Management and Budget to transfer any balance in excess of twice the current biennium self-funding appropriation to the general fund at the end of each biennium.

Public utility assessment

Section 7 creates a new section in Chapter 49-01 to create a fee that shall be assessed to each electric and gas utility. The assessment may not exceed \$225,000 per biennium. The section requires electric and gas public utilities to file gross receipts each year with the commission, from which the assessment is applied.

Weights and measures fees

Section 8 amends Section 64-02-10 to increase all fees to test or calibrate weighing and measuring devices.

Fees - Registered service companies

Section 9 creates a new section to Chapter 64-02 to require registered service companies to pay an annual registration fee of \$100, plus \$50 for each registered service person and establishes a testing fee not to exceed \$25 per test.

Fees collected - Paid into state treasury

Section 10 amends Section 64-02-12 relating to fees collected and paid into the state treasury. This section changes the deposit of all fees and charges collected by the commission from being deposited in the general fund to being deposited in the Public Service Commission program fund.

Fees - Siting process expense recovery -  
Continuing appropriation

Sections 11 and 12 amend Sections 49-22-22 and 49-22.1-22 relating to siting process expense recovery. This establishes an administrative fee, on every applicant, of \$100 for every \$1 million of original investment, not to exceed \$25,000. The fee must be deposited in the Public Service Commission program fund.