

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

	Executive Budget Recommendation			Total
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	
<b>2021-23 Biennium Base Level</b>	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
Salary increase		149,897	105,520	255,417
Health insurance increase		1,258	885	2,143
Retirement contribution increase		30,848	21,716	52,564
Underfunds salaries and wages and transitions to self-funding		(700,000)	550,000	(150,000)
Reclassifies and provides funding for a natural gas pipeline inspector position		167,547	167,548	335,095
Increases funding for specialized legal services		(10,000)	336,000	326,000
Adds funding for rent model change		210,287		210,287
Reduces funding for operating expenses		(36,993)		(36,993)
Adds funding from federal funds for annual inspector training			20,000	20,000
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		4,737		4,737
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	(\$106,920)	\$1,136,285	\$1,029,365
<b>One-time funding items</b>				
Adds funding to replace real-time kinematic equipment		\$5,400	\$114,600	\$120,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$5,400	\$114,600	\$120,000
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	0.00	(\$101,520)	\$1,250,885	\$1,149,365
<b>2021-23 Total Funding</b>	43.00	\$6,613,408	\$13,423,361	\$20,036,769
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	(1.6%)	9.3%	5.5%
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**Other Sections in Public Service Commission - Budget No. 408**

**Executive Budget Recommendation**  
 Beginning farmer revolving loan fund  
 Public Service Commission program 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.

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 for 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.

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	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	
<b>2021-23 Biennium Base Level</b>	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
Salary increase		125,687	83,201	208,888
Health insurance increase		1,258	885	2,143
Retirement contribution increase				0
Underfunds salaries and wages and transitions to self-funding		(700,000)	550,000	(150,000)
Reclassifies and provides funding for a natural gas pipeline inspector position			167,548	167,548
Increases funding for specialized legal services		(10,000)	336,000	326,000
Adds funding for rent model change				0
Reduces funding for operating expenses		(36,993)		(36,993)
Adds funding from federal funds for annual inspector training			20,000	20,000
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses		4,737		4,737
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	(\$539,812)	\$1,092,250	\$552,438
<b>One-time funding items</b>				
Adds funding to replace real-time kinematic equipment		\$5,400	\$114,600	\$120,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$5,400	\$114,600	\$120,000
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	0.00	(\$534,412)	\$1,206,850	\$672,438
<b>2021-23 Total Funding</b>	43.00	\$6,180,516	\$13,379,326	\$19,559,842
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	(8.0%)	9.0%	2.9%
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Section 4 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 for 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.

**House Changes to Executive Budget**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
		(\$24,210)	(\$22,319)	(46,529)
		(30,848)	(21,716)	(52,564)
		(167,547)		(167,547)
		(210,287)		(210,287)
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		(\$432,892)	(\$44,035)	(\$476,927)
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Other Sections in Public Service Commission - Budget No. 408

Public utility assessment

Executive Budget Recommendation  
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.

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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.

Section 6 provides the statutory changes to increase the Public Service Commissioners' salaries. The Public Service Commissioners' annual salaries are increased from the current level of \$113,600 to \$115,304, effective July 1, 2021, and to \$117,034, effective July 1, 2022, to reflect the 1.5 percent annual salary increase.

Fees - Siting process expense recovery - Continuing appropriation

Sections 11 and 12 amend Sections 49-22-22 and 49-22-1-21 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.

Sections 7 and 8 creates new subsections to Section 49-22-22 and 49-22-1-21 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.

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.

Section 9 amends Section 57-43-2-19 to increase the deposit from \$294,509 to \$296,813 per year from special fuels taxes into the rail safety fund through June 30, 2023.

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.

Section 10 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.

Weights and measures fees

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

Section 11 amends Section 64-02-10 to increase all fees to test or calibrate weighing and measuring devices.

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.

Section 12 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.