

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2008

Page 1, line 2, after "funding" insert "; to provide for a legislative council study"

Page 1, line 10, replace "4,775,728" with "4,771,497"

Page 1, line 11, replace "1,212,261" with "1,137,006"

Page 1, line 16, replace "10,003,492" with "9,924,006"

Page 1, line 17, replace "6,074,179" with "6,072,767"

Page 1, line 18, replace "3,929,313" with "3,851,239"

Page 1, line 20, replace "\$250,000" with "\$200,000"

Page 1, line 22, after the comma insert "and \$50,000 from other sources,"

Page 1, line 23, after the period insert "The commission shall collect the \$50,000 before proceeding with the initial stage of the rail rate complaint case."

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DUTIES AND FUNDING. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2003-04 interim, the feasibility and desirability of transferring inspection and standards functions conducted by various state agencies to the public service commission, including the potential cost-savings and efficiencies that may be realized by training and certifying employees to conduct multiple inspection duties. In addition, the study, if conducted, must include an examination of the feasibility and desirability of funding the public service commission entirely from special fund revenue sources. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - House Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,830,580	\$4,775,728	(\$4,231)	\$4,771,497
Operating expenses	1,232,261	1,212,261	(75,255)	1,137,006
Capital assets	45,011	35,011		35,011
Grants	62,000	62,000		62,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	3,668,492	3,668,492		3,668,492
Rail rate complaint case	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>		<u>250,000</u>
Total all funds	\$10,088,344	\$10,003,492	(\$79,486)	\$9,924,006
Less estimated income	<u>6,084,744</u>	<u>6,074,179</u>	<u>(1,412)</u>	<u>6,072,767</u>
General fund	\$4,003,600	\$3,929,313	(\$78,074)	\$3,851,239
FTE	41.00	41.00	0.00	41.00

Dept. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes

	DECREASES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING TRAVEL ¹	DECREASES FUNDING FOR COPIER-RELATED PRINTING COSTS ²	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ³	REDUCES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS ⁴	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			(\$4,231)		(\$4,231)
Operating expenses	(\$6,000)	(\$9,000)		(\$60,255)	(75,255)
Capital assets					
Grants					
Abandoned mined lands					
contractual services					
Rail rate complaint case	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total all funds	(\$6,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$4,231)	(\$60,255)	(\$79,486)
Less estimated income	_____	_____	(1,412)	_____	(1,412)
General fund	(\$6,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$2,819)	(\$60,255)	(\$78,074)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ This amendment decreases the funding for information technology training and related travel.

² This amendment decreases the funding for copier-related printing costs.

³ This amendment reduces funding for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 per month to \$488.70 per month.

⁴ This amendment reduces funding for information technology by an additional \$60,255 from the general fund, for a total reduction of \$75,255 in information technology funding from the general fund, which represents a total reduction of approximately 20 percent.

The House amendment provides for a Legislative Council study to examine the possibility of consolidating various inspection duties within one agency, the Public Service Commission, and to determine the feasibility and desirability of making the Public Service Commission a special funded agency.

The House amendment provides for \$250,000 for the initial stage of a rail rate complaint case, \$200,000 of which is from the state rail fund and \$50,000 from other interest parties and other sources. The Public Service Commission is not to proceed with the initial stage of the rail rate complaint case until the \$50,000 is collected. The Senate amendment provided that the entire \$250,000 was from the state rail fund.