

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2008

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1130 and 1131 of the Senate Journal and pages 1238-1240 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2008 be amended as follows:

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

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

Page 1, line 11, replace "1,212,261" with "1,197,261"

Page 1, line 16, replace "10,003,492" with "9,984,261"

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

Page 1, line 18, replace "3,929,313" with "3,911,494"

Page 1, line 20, replace "\$250,000" with "\$225,000"

Page 1, line 22, after the comma insert "and \$25,000 from other sources,"

Page 1, line 23, after the period insert "The commission must have written commitments for the \$25,000 from other sources before spending any moneys from the state rail fund."

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DUTIES.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2003-04 interim, the feasibility and desirability of transferring inspection and standards functions performed 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. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the fifty-ninth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FUNDING.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2003-04 interim, 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 - Conference Committee Action**

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	COMPARISON TO HOUSE
Salaries and wages	\$4,830,580	\$4,775,728	(\$4,231)	\$4,771,497	\$4,771,497	
Operating expenses	1,232,261	1,212,261	(15,000)	1,197,261	1,137,006	\$60,255

Capital assets	45,011	35,011		35,011	35,011	
Grants	62,000	62,000		62,000	62,000	
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	3,668,492	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>	<u>250,000</u>	
Total all funds	\$10,088,344	\$10,003,492	(\$19,231)	\$9,984,261	\$9,924,006	\$60,255
Less estimated income	<u>6,084,744</u>	<u>6,074,179</u>	<u>(1,412)</u>	<u>6,072,767</u>	<u>6,072,767</u>	
General fund	\$4,003,600	\$3,929,313	(\$17,819)	\$3,911,494	\$3,851,239	\$60,255
FTE	41.00	41.00	0.00	41.00	41.00	0.00

**Dept. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	DECREASES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING TRAVEL 1	DECREASES FUNDING FOR COPIER-RELATED PRINTING COSTS 2	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE 3	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			(\$4,231)	(\$4,231)
Operating expenses	(\$6,000)	(\$9,000)		(15,000)
Capital assets				
Grants				
Abandoned mined lands contractual services				
Rail rate complaint case				
Total all funds	(\$6,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$4,231)	(\$19,231)
Less estimated income			<u>(1,412)</u>	<u>(1,412)</u>
General fund	(\$6,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$2,819)	(\$17,819)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1 This amendment decreases the funding for information technology training and related travel, the same as the House version.

2 This amendment decreases the funding for copier-related printing costs, the same as the House version.

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

The Conference Committee amendment provides for a Legislative Council study to examine the possibility of consolidating various inspection duties within one agency, the Public Service Commission. The Conference Committee created a separate section for the study of the feasibility and desirability of making the Public Service Commission a special funded agency. The House amendment included both studies within the same section.

The Conference Committee amendment provides for \$250,000 for the initial stage of a rail rate complaint case, \$225,000 of which is from the state rail fund and \$25,000 from other interested parties and other sources. The Public Service Commission may not spend any of the \$225,000 from the state rail fund until it has received commitment for the \$25,000 of other funds. The House amendment provided for \$200,000 from the state rail fund and \$50,000 from other funds.

The Conference Committee made no further information technology reductions to the Public Service Commission. The Conference Committee maintained existing information technology reductions of \$23,000 made by the Senate and \$15,000 of reductions made by the House, which amounted to an overall greater reduction than the proposed 5 percent reduction of \$22,014.