

**Office of Administrative Hearings
Budget 140
House Bill Nos. 1017, 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 legislative appropriation	8.00		\$1,646,699	\$1,646,699
2005-07 legislative appropriation	<u>8.00</u>		<u>1,309,844</u>	<u>1,309,844</u>
2007-09 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriation	0.00	\$0	\$336,855	\$336,855

NOTE: The 2007-09 legislative appropriation amounts include \$3,836 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$10 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Salaries and wages - The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation providing \$120,528 of special funds for salary equity adjustments for administrative law judges.

Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings - As of November 1, 2007, Workforce Safety and Insurance discontinued using the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct its hearings.

Workforce Safety and Insurance is not required by law to use the Office of Administrative Hearings services to conduct hearings.

Status/Result

The Office of Administrative Hearings provided salary equity adjustments to five positions--four administrative law judges and the director--effective July 1, 2007. The salary equity adjustments, which ranged from 9 percent to 22 percent, were in addition to the 4 percent salary increases for state employees effective July 1, 2007.

The Office of Administrative Hearings agreed to complete hearings for those cases assigned to the Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judges before November 1, 2007. Workforce Safety and Insurance and the Office of Administrative Hearings are discussing the possibility of the Office of Administrative Hearings again conducting Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings.