

Agency 185

Horse Racing Commission

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2013-15 Expenditure Authority	28.5		5,608	5,608
Total Maintenance Level	28.5		5,721	5,721
Difference			113	113
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		2.0%	2.0%
Performance Changes				
License and Background Check Fees			30	30
Legal Services			1	1
DES Central Services			7	7
Core Financial Systems Replacement			1	1
Time, Leave and Attendance System			1	1
Self-Insurance Liability Premium			(4)	(4)
State Public Employee Benefits Rate			6	6
WFSE General Government Master Agreement			55	55
General Wage Increase for State Employees			34	34
Subtotal			131	131
Total Proposed Budget	28.5		5,852	5,852
Difference			244	244
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		4.4%	4.4%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Promotion of Horse Racing			2,172	2,172
Regulation of Horse Racing	28.5		3,680	3,680
Total Proposed Budget	28.5		5,852	5,852

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

License and Background Check Fees

The Washington Horse Racing Commission recently increased horse racing licensing fees by 5 percent per year and background check fees by \$1 per year to recover the actual costs of performing these activities. Increased expenditure authority is provided to the commission to spend the new revenue. (Horse Racing Administration Account-State)

Legal Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to reflect a reduction in legal service charges. The Attorney General's Office (AGO) will work with client agencies to implement stricter policies and best practices regarding utilization of its services to achieve lower legal bills.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DES Central Services

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to align with anticipated billing levels from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) in the 2015-17 biennium, including changes to the enterprise systems fee, personnel services, and small agency financial services.

Core Financial Systems Replacement

Agency budgets are adjusted to align with anticipated billings from the Office of Financial Management in the 2015-17 biennium for core financial systems replacement planning through the One Washington project.

Time, Leave and Attendance System

Agency budgets are adjusted to align with anticipated billings for the Time, Leave and Attendance system, including debt service and project completion costs.

Self-Insurance Liability Premium

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect updated premium rates and a reduction in billings for the 2015-17 biennium.

State Public Employee Benefits Rate

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. Insurance for employees covered by the health insurance coalition is included in funding for their respective collective bargaining agreements. The insurance funding rate is \$913 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$947 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2017. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

WFSE General Government Master Agreement

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE), which includes a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for all employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for all employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016; salary adjustments for targeted classifications; hazard pay for designated night crews; assignment pay in designated areas; and employee insurance. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

General Wage Increase for State Employees

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; and a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Promotion of Horse Racing

The Horse Racing Commission is responsible for encouraging the training and development of the equine industry and promoting the economic benefits derived from the industry. It annually provides purse funds to nonprofit racetracks, collects and distributes the Washington bred owners' bonus funds, and provides funds to nonprofit racetracks for the maintenance and upgrade of racecourses and equine quartering areas.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Regulation of Horse Racing

The Horse Racing Commission is responsible for regulating pari-mutuel horse racing. It licenses, regulates, and supervises pari-mutuel horse race meets and licenses individuals who participate in pari-mutuel horse racing to ensure public confidence in the integrity of racing and pari-mutuel wagering.