

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23132

This is the FY 2015 appropriation to the State Tax Commission in the amount of \$38,008,000 with full-time equivalent positions capped at 447. This appropriation provides for increased cost of benefits, inflationary increases for rent and software, statewide cost allocation, and a network billing adjustment. Additionally this budget replaces network security equipment, computer equipment, automobiles, network switches, network storage and uninterruptable power supply batteries. The budget provides for the equivalent of a 2% change in employee compensation (1% ongoing and 1% one-time). Finally, this budget includes three line items. Line item 1 provides \$200,000 to modernize the over 30-year old property tax software. Line item 3 separates the Audit and Collections Divisions for the purpose of organization and budgeting. Line item 4 reduces the personnel cost shortfall by removing eight unfunded full-time equivalent positions and the health insurance cost increases associated with those unfilled positions. Overall, this budget is a 8.5% decrease below the FY 2014 appropriation, but a 5.1% increase above the base budget.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2014 Original Appropriation	455.00	33,980,700	7,532,500	8,000	41,521,200
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(4,691,600)	(926,600)	0	(5,618,200)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	(10,900)	0	(10,900)
FY 2015 Base	455.00	29,289,100	6,595,000	8,000	35,892,100
Benefit Costs	0.00	572,000	94,800	0	666,800
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	62,300	11,100	0	73,400
Replacement Items	0.00	377,800	260,600	0	638,400
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	77,200	8,600	0	85,800
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	384,800	73,400	0	458,200
FY 2015 Program Maintenance	455.00	30,763,200	7,043,500	8,000	37,814,700
1. Modernize Property Tax Software	0.00	200,000		0	200,000
2. Additional Tax Policy Staff	0.00	0		0	0
3. Separate Collections and Audit	0.00	0		0	0
4. Reduce PC Shortfall	(8.00)	(14,500)		0	(14,500)
Network Billing Proposal	0.00	6,800	1,000	0	7,800
FY 2015 Total	447.00	30,955,500	7,044,500	8,000	38,008,000
Chg from FY 2014 Orig Approp	(8.00)	(3,025,200)	(488,000)	0	(3,513,200)
% Chg from FY 2014 Orig Approp.	(1.8%)	(8.9%)	(6.5%)	0.0%	(8.5%)

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