



CITIZENS' INITIATIVE REVIEW COMMISSION

Ways and Means Subcommittee
Budget Presentation 2013

Summary

The Citizens' Initiative Review Commission (Commission) was established by the Oregon Legislature in 2011 (House Bill 2634.)

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) was authorized to expend funds "incurred in the initial appointment and organization of the Citizens' Initiative Review Commission" from funds appropriated to DAS. DAS contracted with the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) to establish the Commission as a new government entity. The Commission was directed to reimburse DAS for any funds expended on its behalf. The bill, codified in ORS 250.137 through 250.149, also established the Citizens' Initiative Review Fund within the State Treasury. The bill did not appropriate any funds or authorize any expenditure limitation to the Commission beyond the \$1 necessary to establish the fund. The bill authorized the Commission to accept contributions of "moneys and assistance" from the U.S. Government, its agencies or from any other source, public or private, subject to the limitations set out in ORS 250.147(2).

Health Democracy, a private, non-profit entity, made a \$100,000 contribution to the Citizens' Initiative Review Fund on July 31, 2012 and an additional \$15,000 contribution on August 8, 2012.

The Commission, staffed by OHLA, convened citizen initiative reviews for two ballot measures in August 2012. Healthy Democracy, under contract with the state, served as the project director for the two reviews.

At its September meeting the Emergency Board approved Other Funds expenditure increases of \$114,999 for the Commission and \$15,872 for Oregon Health Licensing Agency and directed Department of Administrative Services to unschedule \$75,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation.

At its December meeting, the Emergency Board acknowledged receipt of an interim draft report from the Commission. The report outlined three actions the Commission plans to take in preparation for the 2013 Session:

- Continue conversations with the Secretary of State to consider extensions of filing deadlines for the citizen's statements for the Voter Pamphlet.
- In February/March 2013, review official panelist and moderator evaluations along with other independent academic evaluations and commentary from interested parties and participants in the 2012 review process.
- Summarize key findings and offer recommendations in a report to the Legislature in 2013.

Although a February 28, 2013 meeting was planned for the Commission to meet to discuss evaluations and review the final report, due to lack of quorum, the February 28, 2013 meeting was cancelled. Two additional meetings have been scheduled on March 22, 2013 and May 9, 2013 to finalize the report and prepare for the 2014 election cycle.

Citizens' Initiative Review Commission

2013-15 Governor's Balanced Budget

Budget Summary

Summary	Operations of Other Funds
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Revenues	
Beginning Balance	\$ -
Contributions	\$ 16,401
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Total Available Revenues	\$ 16,401
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Budget Development	
2011-13 Legislatively Adopted Budget	\$ 1
Base Budget Adjustment	\$ 8,525
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Current Service Level	\$ 8,526
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Essential Package	
031 State Government Service Charges	\$ 2,500
Policy Package	
101 Commission Activities	\$ 5,375
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Total 2013-15 Governor's Balanced Budget	\$ 16,401
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Governor's Balanced Budget

2013 - 2015 Biennium

- Personal Services
- Services and Supplies

