

CITIZENS INITIATIVE REVIEW COMMISSION

The Citizens Initiative Review Commission was established as a new state agency in 2011 to convene citizen panels to review selected initiative measures in a fair and impartial manner. The Commission is charged with selecting measures to review based on available budget and to summarize findings and write recommendations for inclusion in the state’s voter information pamphlets produced by the Secretary of State’s Office.

CITIZENS INITIATIVE REVIEW COMMISSION	2009-11 Actuals	2011-13 Leg. Approved	2013-15 Current Service Level	2013-15 Governor's Budget	2013-15 Co-Chairs' Budget (1.0)	% Change 2011-13 LAB to 2013-15 CSL
Other Funds	0	115,000	11,026	16,401	0	-90.4%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$115,000	\$11,026	\$16,401	\$0	-90.4%
Positions						N/A
FTE						N/A

Major Revenues	Budget Environment	Comparison by Fund Type																								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission is funded by gifts, grants, and donations (no General Fund support). • With no dedicated source of revenue and no permanent staffing, the Commission is reliant on a third party, non-profit organization to raise and provide revenue for Commission expenses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission contracts for staff support since it has no authorized positions. • The Oregon Health Licensing Agency provided staff support for Commission activities for the 2012 general election cycle. • The Commission effectively only operates for a four month period every two years, although there are requirements that lead to additional meetings to provide reporting on the experiences of the previous election cycle. • With no permanent staff, the Commission relies on a private, non-profit organization (Healthy Democracy Oregon) to do fund raising for its activities. 	<p>CITIZENS INITIATIVE REVIEW COMMISSION</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Funding Data (Millions of Dollars)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>General Fund/Lottery</th> <th>Other Funds</th> <th>Federal Funds</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2009-11</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011-13</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.12</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013-15 CSL</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.01</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013-15 GB</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.02</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013-15</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	General Fund/Lottery	Other Funds	Federal Funds	2009-11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2011-13	\$0.00	\$0.12	\$0.00	2013-15 CSL	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	2013-15 GB	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00	2013-15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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MAJOR CHALLENGES AND DECISION POINTS

1. Created by HB 2634 in the 2011 session, the Commission had an eventful and problematic initiation during 2012 (for more details see the LFO analysis/recommendation on the Commission's appearance before the Emergency Board in September 2012 requesting the increase of Other Funds expenditure limitation from the \$1 provided during the 2011 session).
2. LFO recommends eliminating the Commission as a separate state agency since the work will likely be picked up by advocates of the citizen initiative review process. This can be done either by repealing the legislation establishing the Commission or by finding another state agency to house the functions of the Commission in providing an independent citizen review of selected ballot initiatives.
3. The Commission is dependent on the fund raising activities of a private non-profit organization that ran a similar process independent of state government in 2010 and was the primary driving force behind the Commission's activities in 2012 (as the primary contractor to conduct the bulk of the Commission's initiative review activities; the Commission's fiscal and administrative support activities were conducted by the Oregon Health Licensing Agency through an intergovernmental agreement).
4. The Governor's budget is \$16,401 Other Funds, an increase of 49% from the CSL and a decrease of 84% from the 2011-13 LAB.
5. The increase from CSL is to enable the Commission to conduct up to 3 meetings prior to the February 2014 session when a budget proposal is anticipated to be provided to the Legislature for the remainder of the 2013-15 biennium.
6. A similar approach was used in the 2011-13 biennium and failed. In addition, the Commission has no dedicated source of revenue and may not have sufficient funds to finance even three meetings.