

SB 5509

Employment Relations Board

SB 5509 is the budget bill for the Employment Relations Board. The Board's mission is to resolve disputes concerning labor relations. The Board provides four main services to help employers, employees, and labor organizations resolve their disputes: (1) labor mediation and training; (2) contested case hearings; (3) union representation elections; and (4) labor appeal cases.

The General Government Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$4.4 million, which includes a General Fund budget of \$2.4 million and an Other Funds budget of \$2 million. The budget includes 13 positions (13.00 FTE). The budget is a \$216,264, or 5.2 percent, increase from the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget.

The budget provides funding for a private vendor to develop a case management system for the agency.

The Subcommittee noted the remarkable turnaround in the agency, which includes the elimination of its backlog of cases and improved timely disposition of current cases.

The Subcommittee approved the Board's key performance measures and targets, which had undergone review over the interim.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5509 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.