

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONS

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OVERVIEW

Miscellaneous Commissions refer to agencies whose missions extend beyond a single department. In some instances, an interstate commission operates in conjunction with executive departments in several other states, with each member exercising equal power in the decision process. Such compacts are necessary, as an action taken by one state frequently has ramifications in another state. Intrastate commissions address statewide issues.

The fiscal 2002 budget for Miscellaneous Commissions totals \$1.4 million. Services are provided in two distinct areas: science and technical programs and governmental review and oversight. Science and technical programs include the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Interstate Environmental Commission. Governmental review and oversight refers to the Council On Local Mandates.

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) coordinates activities and sponsors research on water resources in conjunction with federal, State, municipal and private agencies. The member states are New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The fiscal 2002 recommendation of \$867,000 provides for New Jersey's contribution to the Commission's total operating budget. This recommendation includes an increase of \$80,000 for a new comprehensive DRB planning effort, PCB controls, and salary increases.

The Interstate Environmental Commission plans and coordinates activities designed to abate water pollution in waterways common to New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. The fiscal 2002 recommendation of \$388,000 reflects New Jersey's contribution to the Commission's total operating budget.

The Council On Local Mandates resolves disputes and issues rulings on whether a statute, rule, or regulation constitutes an impermissible, unfunded State mandate. The fiscal 2002 recommendation is \$137,000, which in conjunction with prior year carryforward funds, is sufficient to support continuing services.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2000					Year Ending June 30, 2002			
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended		2001 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
1,250	104	6	1,360	1,322	Direct State Services	1,337	1,392	1,392
---	2	---	2	---	Capital Construction	---	---	---
1,250	106	6	1,362	1,322	Total General Fund	1,337	1,392	1,392
1,250	106	6	1,362	1,322	GRAND TOTAL	1,337	1,392	1,392

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2000					Year Ending June 30, 2002			
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		2001 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
					DIRECT STATE SERVICES - GENERAL FUND			
					Science and Technical Programs			
787	---	---	787	784	Delaware River Basin Commission	787	867	867
388	---	---	388	388	Interstate Environmental Commission	388	388	388
1,175	---	---	1,175	1,172	<i>Subtotal</i>	1,175	1,255	1,255
					Governmental Review and Oversight			
75	104	6	185	150	Council On Local Mandates	162	137	137
1,250	104	6	1,360	1,322	<i>Subtotal Direct State Services - General Fund</i>	1,337	1,392	1,392
1,250	104	6	1,360	1,322	TOTAL DIRECT STATE SERVICES	1,337	1,392	1,392
					CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION			
					Science and Technical Programs			
---	2	---	2	---	Delaware River Basin Commission	---	---	---
---	2	---	2	---	<i>Subtotal Capital Construction</i>	---	---	---
1,250	106	6	1,362	1,322	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,337	1,392	1,392

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40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

43. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

9130. INTERSTATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

1. To restore to usefulness, within a reasonable time and in an economical manner, areas of the Interstate Environmental Commission District which are presently blighted from water pollution.
2. To plan and coordinate activities to control and prevent air pollution in the region through the development of compatible standards and implementation plans.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

03. **Interstate Environmental Commission.** The Interstate Environmental Commission is a tri-state agency created by the states of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut through enabling legislation and a tri-state compact (RS 32:18-1 et seq. and RS 32:19- 1 et seq.) The Interstate Environmental Commission District extends approximately from Sandy Hook on the New Jersey coast to include all of New York Harbor, north on the Hudson River to the northerly boundaries of Westchester and

Rockland counties, easterly into Long Island Sound to the New Haven, Connecticut shore, to Port Jefferson on the north shore of Long Island, and along the south shore of Long Island extending easterly to Fire Island Inlet. The Commission makes rules, regulations and orders for the abatement of water pollution and may resort to the courts for enforcement. The Commission's program plan for water pollution abatement is designed to provide assistance in an effective coordinated approach to regional problems. The Commission is also the official planning and coordinating agency for the New Jersey-New York-Connecticut air quality control region, though it does not have air pollution abatement enforcement powers. The Commission conducts studies; undertakes research, testing and development; gathers and disseminates data to other public and private organizations or agencies; does sampling to track sources of air pollutants and refers complaints to an appropriate agency or agencies of the states, along with data necessary to take corrective action.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2000				Year Ending June 30, 2002			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available Expended	Prog. Class.	2001 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
388	---	---	388	388			
388	---	---	388	388			
DIRECT STATE SERVICES							
Distribution by Fund and Program							
				Interstate Environmental Commission	03	388	388
				Total Direct State Services		388	388
Distribution by Fund and Object							
Special Purpose:							
				Expenses of the Commission	03	388	388
				Grand Total State Appropriation		388	388

40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

43. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

9140. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

1. To establish standards of planning, design and operation of water resources projects and facilities in the Basin.
2. To conduct and sponsor research on water resources.
3. To coordinate the activities and programs of Federal, State, municipal and private agencies concerned with water resources administration.
4. To improve environmental quality within the Basin.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

02. **Delaware River Basin Commission.** This Commission, under the Delaware River Basin Compact (C32:11D-1 et seq.), cooperates as a regional agency for the planning, conservation,

utilization, development, management and control of water and related natural resources of the Delaware River Basin. The Compact includes the states of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Federal government. Each year the Commission adopts a water resources program which it proposes be undertaken by the Commission and other governmental and private agencies, organizations and persons during the ensuing six years or such other reasonable period. The Commission is empowered to allocate the waters of the Basin to and among the states and their respective political subdivisions, and to impose conditions, obligations and release requirements related thereto, subject to certain limitations. It is also empowered to acquire, operate and control projects and facilities for the storage and release of waters and may assess the

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cost thereof upon water users. The Commission may undertake investigations and surveys, and acquire and construct, operate and maintain projects and facilities to control potential pollution and abate existing pollution. The Commission may plan, design, construct and operate and maintain projects and facilities for flood damage reduction and has the power to restrict the use of property within the area of a flood plain so as to minimize the flood hazard. The Commission provides for the development of

water-related public sports and recreational facilities through the construction, maintenance and administration of such facilities. The Commission may develop and operate, or authorize to be developed and operated, dams and related facilities and appurtenances for the purpose of generating hydroelectric power. The appropriation recommended below represents New Jersey's share of the Commission's budget.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2000					Year Ending June 30, 2002			
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2001 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
<u>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</u>								
Distribution by Fund and Program								
787	---	---	787	784	02	787	867	867
					Delaware River Basin Commission			
787	---	---	787	784		787	867	867
					Total Direct State Services			
Distribution by Fund and Object								
787	---	---	787	784	02	787	867	867
					Special Purpose: Expenses of the Commission			
<u>CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION</u>								
Distribution by Fund and Program								
---	2	---	2	---	02	---	---	---
					Delaware River Basin Commission			
---	2	---	2	---		---	---	---
					Total Capital Construction			
Distribution by Fund and Object								
---	2	---	2	---	02	---	---	---
					Delaware River Basin Commission Amortization Costs of Multipurpose Dams			
787	2	---	789	784		787	867	867
					Grand Total State Appropriation			

70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

72. GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT

9148. COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES

OBJECTIVES

- To resolve disputes as to whether a statute, rule or regulation constitutes an unfunded State mandate.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

- Council On Local Mandates.** The nine-member Council was created by P.L. 1996, chapter 24 to implement the constitutional

amendment approved by New Jersey voters in the 1995 general election. The Council reviews and issues written rulings on whether a statute, rule, or regulation constitutes an impermissible, unfunded State mandate. Complaints may be filed by a county, municipality or school district, or by a county executive or directly elected mayor.

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<u>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</u>								
Distribution by Fund and Program								
75	104	6	185	150	92	162	137	137
75	104	6	185	150	162		137	137
Distribution by Fund and Object								
Special Purpose:								
75	104	6	185	150	92	162 ^(a)	137	137
75	104	6	185	150	162		137	137
Grand Total State Appropriation					162		137	137

Notes

(a) The fiscal year 2001 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

Language Recommendations -- Direct State Services - General Fund

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 2001 in this account is appropriated.

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