

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONS

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONS 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 1999 Budget for Miscellaneous Commissions totals \$3.1 million. Services are provided in three distinct areas: science and technical programs, governmental review and oversight, and management and administration. Science and technical programs include the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Interstate Sanitation Commission. Governmental review and oversight refers to the Council On Local Mandates. Management and administration refers to the Local Government Budget Review program.

The Delaware River Basin Commission 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 1999 recommendation of \$787,000 provides for New Jersey's contribution to the Commission's total operating budget.

The Interstate Sanitation Commission plans and coordinates activities designed to abate water pollution in waterways common to New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. The fiscal 1999 recommendation of \$315,000 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. There is no fiscal 1999 recommendation due to the planned use of unexpended funds from fiscal 1998.

The Government Budget Review was established to assist local governments and school boards in the development of more efficient and effective operations. The fiscal 1999 recommendation provides \$1,973,000 for this purpose.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM (thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 1997					Year Ending June 30, 1999			
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Repts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	1998 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended	
688	—	—	688	688	Science and Technical Programs			
315	—	—	315	315	Delaware River Basin Commission	691	787	787
					Interstate Sanitation Commission	315	315	315
<u>1,003</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>1,006</u>	<u>1,102</u>	<u>1,102</u>
—	350	—	350	88	Governmental Review and Oversight			
—	350	—	350	88	Council On Local Mandates	100	—	—
					<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>100</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
975	183	75	1,233	949	Management and Administration			
975	183	75	1,233	949	Local Government Budget Review	1,723	1,973	1,973
<u>1,978</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>2,586</u>	<u>2,040</u>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>1,723</u>	<u>1,973</u>	<u>1,973</u>
					Total Appropriation	<u>2,829</u>	<u>3,075</u>	<u>3,075</u>

MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONS

40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

43. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

9130. INTERSTATE SANITATION COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

- To restore to usefulness, within a reasonable time and in an economical manner, areas of the District which are presently blighted from water pollution.
- 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

- Interstate Sanitation Commission.** The Interstate Sanitation 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 Sanitation 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, 1997					Year Ending June 30, 1999			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	1998 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
Distribution by Program								
315	---	---	315	315	03	315	315	315
315	---	---	315	315		315	315	315
Distribution by Object								
Special Purpose:								
315	---	---	315	315	03	315	315	315
315	---	---	315	315		315	315	315

40. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

43. SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

9140. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

OBJECTIVES

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

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

- 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 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.

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688	---	---	688	688	Distribution by Program				
688	---	---	688	688	02	691	787	787	
					<i>Delaware River Basin Commission</i>				
					Total Appropriation				
					Distribution by Object				
					Special Purpose:				
688	---	---	688	688	02	691	787	787	
688	---	---	688	688	<i>Expenses of the Commission</i>				
					Total Special Purpose				

OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS

2	---	---	2	2	<i>Total Capital Construction</i>	2	2	2
690	---	---	690	690	Total General Fund	693	789	789

70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

72. GOVERNMENTAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT

9148. COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES

OBJECTIVES

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

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

72. **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.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

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---	350	---	350	88	Distribution by Program				
---	350	---	350	88	92	100	---	---	
					<i>Council On Local Mandates</i>				
					Total Appropriation				
					Distribution by Object				
					Special Purpose:				
---	350	---	350	88	92	100	---	---	
---	350	---	350	88	<i>Council On Local Mandates</i>				
					Total Special Purpose				

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1998 in this account is appropriated.

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70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL
76. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
9147. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET REVIEW

OBJECTIVES

1. To assist local governments and school boards to minimize their operating costs.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

91. **Local Government Budget Review.** In order to assist local governments and school boards to minimize their operating costs, the Governor established the Local Government Budget Review group. The staff reviews municipal and school district budgets and submits reports suggesting ways in which costs and the revenue necessary to support these costs can be reduced.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA
(thousands of dollars)

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<u>975</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>949</u>				
975	183	75	1,233	949				
Distribution by Program								
					91	<u>1,723</u>	<u>1,973</u>	<u>1,973</u>
						1,723	1,973	1,973
Distribution by Object								
<u>975</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>1,233</u>	<u>949</u>				
975	183	75	1,233	949	91	<u>1,723</u>	<u>1,973</u>	<u>1,973</u>
						1,723	1,973	1,973

LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1998 in this account is appropriated.

In addition to the amount hereinabove, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall transfer from departmental accounts and credit to the Local Government Budget Review, such sums as may be available for the purpose of expanding the review of local governments' operations.

1,978	533	75	2,586	2,040	Total Appropriation, Miscellaneous Commissions	2,829	3,075	3,075
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