

BPEADL01 LAS/PBS SYSTEM
BUDGET PERIOD: 2005-2016
STATE OF FLORIDA

SCHEDULE VIIIB-2
PRIORITY LISTING FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTION
FOR REQUEST YEAR

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COL A93			
SCH VIIIIB-2			
REDUCTIONS			
POS	AMOUNT		CODES
MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF			72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS			72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>			72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION			12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>			<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS			3300000
REDUCE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT -			
ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES			3302040
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES			030000
OPERATING TRUST FUND	-STATE	9,041-	2510 1
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 15-16 NARRATIVE:
 PRIORITY #1

IT COMPONENT? NO

The Division proposes to reduce appropriations by \$(9,041) or 50%, in the Other Personal Services (OPS) category. This category has been reduced by 95% since FY 2004-05, and further cuts will result in hiring fewer temporary administrative law judges (ALJs) and office staff. This program has recently been able to handle ALJ vacancies by reassigning cases to other judges. Therefore, the reduction in budget for temporary judges should have minimal impact on operations, but if an extraordinary need arises, it could adversely affect the Division's ability to handle cases in a timely manner. Likewise, the reduction in temporary office staff should have limited impact, unless multiple vacancies of permanent employees occur at one time. For these reasons, this issue has been assigned priority number one.

This reduction affects this program's "Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings" activity. A statutory change is not required to implement this reduction. It is calculated as follows:

Other Personal Services (OPS): Reduce budget for:
 \$(9,041) Temporary ALJ services and office staff

 \$(9,041) Reduce OPS by 50%
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REDUCE ALLOCATION FOR EXPENDITURES
 - ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES
 EXPENSES

3302050
 040000

OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE 134,190-
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2510 1

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ADMIN HEARINGS			72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>			72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION			12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>			<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS			3300000
REDUCE ALLOCATION FOR EXPENDITURES			
- ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES			3302050
SPECIAL CATEGORIES			100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES			100777
OPERATING TRUST FUND	-STATE	12,450-	2510 1
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LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT			105281
OPERATING TRUST FUND	-STATE	11,400-	2510 1
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TOTAL: REDUCE ALLOCATION FOR EXPENDITURES			3302050
- ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES			
TOTAL ISSUE.....		158,040-	
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 15-16 NARRATIVE: IT COMPONENT? NO
 PRIORITY #2

The Division proposes to reduce discretionary spending totaling \$(134,190) in the Expenses category, \$(12,450) in Contracted Services and \$(11,400) in the Lease/Purchase Equipment category. This reduction will have a significant impact on the Division's operations. The Expenses category has been reduced by fifteen percent since FY 2004-05. It is also important to note that the cost of leased office space comprises 44% of the Expenses category's current allocations, thereby restricting the Division's efforts to identify budget cuts in this category. The Contracted Services category has been reduced by five percent since FY 2009-10, and further reductions would hinder the program's ability to procure services such as document destruction and data backup storage when needs arise. For these reasons, this issue has been assigned priority number two.

This reduction affects this program's "Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings" activity. A statutory change is not required to implement this reduction. It is calculated as follows:

Expenses: Reduce budget for:
 \$(60,000) travel by 25%
 (17,388) office supplies by 32%
 (13,000) IT equipment by 25%
 (12,500) furniture and equipment by 25%
 (1,764) postage and freight by 58%
 (29,538) miscellaneous expenses

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STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS
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 - ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES

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\$(134,190) Reduce Expenses by 13%

Contracted Services: Reduce budget for:
 \$(12,450) miscellaneous services

 \$(12,450) Reduce Contracted Services by 7%

Lease/Purchase Equipment: Reduce budget for:
 \$(7,200) postage equipment rental
 (400) other equipment rental
 (3,800) copier rental

 \$(11,400) Reduce Lease/Purchase Equipment by 35%

 \$(158,040) Total issue
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WORKFORCE REDUCTION - ADJUDICATION
 OF DISPUTES

3302070
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SALARY RATE
 SALARY RATE..... 173,524-
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS

010000

3.00-
 OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE 231,256-
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2510 1

EXPENSES

040000

OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE 17,389-
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2510 1

TOTAL: WORKFORCE REDUCTION - ADJUDICATION
 OF DISPUTES

3302070

TOTAL POSITIONS..... 3.00-
 TOTAL ISSUE..... 248,645-
 TOTAL SALARY RATE..... 173,524-
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MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF		72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS		72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>		72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION		12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>		<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS		3300000
WORKFORCE REDUCTION - ADJUDICATION		
OF DISPUTES		3302070

AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 15-16 NARRATIVE:
 PRIORITY #3

IT COMPONENT? NO

Since FY 2003-04, the Adjudication of Disputes program's workforce has been reduced by nineteen percent, and its Salaries and Benefits budget has been reduced by thirteen percent. The Division proposes to further reduce this program's workforce by 5% by deleting one administrative law judge (ALJ) position, one administrative secretary position, and one administrative assistant I position. This reduction of \$(248,645) will negatively impact the Division's operations and will significantly limit its ability to fulfill its mission of impartially adjudicating disputes in a timely fashion. With fewer judges, the cases will be processed more slowly, thereby adversely affecting the Division's performance, which has significantly improved over the past twelve years. Moreover, many of the agencies who use the Division to adjudicate their disputes will not be able to fulfill their objectives of a just and speedy resolution, at an affordable cost, of public disputes. For these reasons, this issue was assigned priority number three.

This reduction affects this program's "Conduct Administrative Hearings and Proceedings" activity. A statutory change is not required to implement this reduction. It is calculated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits:

\$(153,787) Delete one filled ALJ position
 (36,960) Delete one vacant administrative secretary position
 (40,509) Delete one filled administrative assistant I position

 \$(231,256) Delete 3 positions, or 5% of workforce, and Salaries and Benefits by 4%

Expenses:

\$ (12,332) 2 professional standard recurring Expenses package, \$6,166 each
 (5,057) 1 support staff standard recurring Expenses package

 \$ (17,389) Reduce Expenses by 2%

 \$(248,645) Total Issue

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ADMIN HEARINGS		72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>		72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION		12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>		<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS		33000000
WORKFORCE REDUCTION - ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES		3302070

POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
0108 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY							
02769 001	1.00-	22,454-		14,506-	36,960-	0.00	36,960-
0709 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I							
02816 001	1.00-	29,000-		11,509-	40,509-	0.00	40,509-
7722 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE							
02811 001	1.00-	122,070-		31,717-	153,787-	0.00	153,787-

TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							231,256-
	3.00-	173,524-		57,732-	231,256-		231,256-
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TOTAL: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW							<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
TRUST FUNDS.....	3.00-	415,726-					2000
SALARY RATE.....		173,524-					
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REDUCTIONS			
POS	AMOUNT		CODES

MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF			72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS			72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>			72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES			11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>			<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS			3300000
WORKFORCE REDUCTION - WORKERS'			
COMPENSATION APPEALS			3302120
SALARY RATE			000000
SALARY RATE.....	554,786-		
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
	10.00-		
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE	802,920-		2510 1
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EXPENSES			040000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE	59,965-		2510 1
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TOTAL: WORKFORCE REDUCTION - WORKERS'			3302120
COMPENSATION APPEALS			
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	10.00-		
TOTAL ISSUE.....	862,885-		
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	554,786-		
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 15-16 NARRATIVE:
 PRIORITY #4

IT COMPONENT? NO

Since FY 2005-06, the Workers' Compensation Appeals program's workforce has been reduced by eleven percent, and its Salaries and Benefits budget has been reduced by eleven percent. The Division proposes to further reduce this program's workforce by 6% by deleting 3 judges of compensation claims, 3 commission deputy clerks, 3 deputy clerks and 2 administrative secretary positions. This reduction of \$(862,362) will negatively impact the Division's operations and will significantly limit its ability to fulfill its mission of efficiently handling its caseload. The Division has made significant strides through the use of electronic filing, and intense training and re-training of key personnel to carry out the daily functions of the office. A reduction in the number of staff will impair or eliminate the excellent trends toward compliance with the time mandates that have been achieved through a monumental cooperative effort between the individuals staffing the district offices and the claimants, attorneys and employers/carriers who bring their cases to the Division for adjudication. The result will be greater delays in the resolution of workers' compensation matters and, ultimately, in the payment of benefits to injured workers who are entitled to receive them. The goal of workers' compensation, to return the injured worker to employment after receiving necessary and appropriate medical treatment and benefits to which he or she is entitled, will be severely undermined by the called for reductions. For these reasons, this issue was assigned priority number four.

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MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF		72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS		72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>		72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES		11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>		<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS		3300000
WORKFORCE REDUCTION - WORKERS'		
COMPENSATION APPEALS		3302120

It is important to note that the budget of the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims is funded by the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund of the Department of Financial Services. This fund is supported by insurance carrier assessments; Section 440.51, Florida Statutes, specifically sets forth the formula for calculating these assessments. Insurance companies pay only that amount necessary to fund the administration of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, including programs within the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims, the Division of Workers' Compensation, the Department of Education and others.

This reduction affects this program's "Adjudicate and Hear Workers' Compensation Disputes" and "Facilitate Mediation of Workers' Compensation Disputes" activities. A statutory change is not required to implement this reduction. It is calculated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits:

\$(802,920) Delete 3 judges, 3 commission deputy clerks, 3 deputy clerks and 2 administrative secretary positions, or 6% of workforce, and Salaries and Benefits by 6%

Expenses:

\$(49,328) 8 professional standard recurring Expenses packages at \$6,166 each
 \$(10,114) 2 support staff standard recurring Expenses packages at \$5,057 each
 \$(523) Miscellaneous expenses

 \$(59,965) Reduce Expenses by 2%

\$(862,885) Total Issue

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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
0108 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY							
03441 001	1.00-	23,854-	1,270-	10,927-	36,051-	0.00	36,051-
03450 001	1.00-	22,454-		10,526-	32,980-	0.00	32,980-
7686 DEPUTY CLERK							

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POS	AMOUNT	
MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF		72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS		72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>		72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES		11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>		<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS		3300000
WORKFORCE REDUCTION - WORKERS'		
COMPENSATION APPEALS		3302120

POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
03546 001	1.00-	26,879-		19,261-	46,140-	0.00	46,140-
03800 001	1.00-	28,700-		19,535-	48,235-	0.00	48,235-
9675 JUDGE OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS							
03433 001	1.00-	123,564-		50,391-	173,955-	0.00	173,955-
03544 001	1.00-	123,564-		31,373-	154,937-	0.00	154,937-
03597 001	1.00-	123,564-		42,320-	165,884-	0.00	165,884-
7689 COMMISSION DEPUTY CLERK II - SES							
03435 001	1.00-	26,879-		21,252-	48,131-	0.00	48,131-
03526 001	1.00-	26,879-		21,252-	48,131-	0.00	48,131-
03599 001	1.00-	27,179-		21,297-	48,476-	0.00	48,476-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							802,920-
	10.00-	553,516-	1,270-	248,134-	802,920-		802,920-

TOTAL: WORKFORCE SERVICES							<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
TRUST FUNDS.....	10.00-	862,885-					2000
SALARY RATE.....	554,786-						
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REDUCTIONS		
POS	AMOUNT	CODES

MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF		72000000
TOTAL: MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF		72000000
BY FUND TYPE		
TRUST FUNDS.....	13.00-	
SALARY RATE.....	1,278,611-	2000
	728,310-	
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