

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 CR ⁽¹⁾	FY 2014 Request	Increase/Decrease From FY2012
Positions - Enduring	78	78	78	0
Enduring Funds	11,663	11,568	11,691	28

(1) The FY 2013 CR is based on the annualized continuing resolution calculation for FY 2013 (P.L. 112-175).

Program Description

The Bureau of Legislative Affairs (H) coordinates legislative activity for the Department of State and advises the Secretary, the Deputy Secretaries, as well as the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries on legislative strategy. H facilitates effective communication between State Department officials and Members of Congress and their staff. H works closely with authorization, appropriations and other oversight committees of the House and Senate, as well as with individual Members that have an interest in State Department or foreign policy issues. H manages Department testimonies before House and Senate hearings, organizes Member and staff briefings and facilitates Congressional travel overseas for Members and staff. H reviews proposed legislation and coordinates the Department's input to Statements of Administration Policy on legislation affecting the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. H staff advises individual bureaus of the Department on legislative outreach strategies and coordinates those strategies with the Secretary's priorities. The Assistant Secretary advises the Secretary of State on legislative matters, directs the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, and acts as the Department's principal liaison with the Congress.

The Secretary of State is the principal Congressional Relations Officer of the Department. H supports the Secretary by ensuring that the Administration's foreign policy priorities are reflected throughout the legislative process. H coordinates the annual testimony provided by the Secretary to Congressional committees to explain Department priorities and budget requirements. The Bureau supports the Department's overall mission by seeking passage of relevant foreign policy legislation and appropriations, advice and consent to treaties, and confirmation of the President's departmental and ambassadorial nominees by the Senate. In FY 2014, the Bureau will continue to support U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting the enactment by Congress of all authorization and appropriation legislation necessary for the conduct of foreign policy.

Justification of Request

The Department's FY 2014 Request of \$11.7 million for the Bureau of Legislative Affairs includes increases to maintain current services. A net increase of \$28,000 over the FY 2012 level reflects the impact of domestic wage and price inflation.

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	Positions					Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American				Pos	Bureau	American	Funds
	CS	FS Dom	Overseas	FSN	Total	Managed	Salaries	Total
FY 2012 Actual	65	13	0	0	78	2,553	9,110	11,663
FY 2013 Estimate	65	13	0	0	78	2,458	9,110	11,568
FY 2014 Built-in Changes								
American COLA	0	0	0	0	0	3	85	88
Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	35
Total Built-in Changes	0	0	0	0	0	38	85	123
FY 2014 Current Services	65	13	0	0	78	2,496	9,195	11,691
FY 2014 Request	65	13	0	0	78	2,496	9,195	11,691

Staff and Funds by Domestic Organization Units

(\$ in thousands)

Bureau of Legislative Affairs (H)	FY 2012			FY 2013			FY 2014			Increase/Decrease		
	Actual			CR			Request			From FY2012		
	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds
Assistant Secretary	5	0	801	5	0	794	5	0	803	0	0	2
Deputy Assistant Secretary for House Affairs	6	0	916	6	0	907	6	0	916	0	0	0
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs	7	0	1,145	7	0	1,134	7	0	1,146	0	0	1
Deputy Assistant for Regional, Global and Functional Affairs	25	0	4,177	25	0	4,140	26	0	4,186	1	0	9
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary	35	0	4,624	35	0	4,593	34	0	4,640	(1)	0	16
Total	78	0	11,663	78	0	11,568	78	0	11,691	0	0	28

Funds by Object Class

(\$ in thousands)

Bureau of Legislative Affairs (H)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	Increase/Decrease
	Actual	CR	Request	From FY2012
1100 Personnel Compensation	7,425	7,414	7,485	60
1200 Personnel Benefits	2,005	2,004	2,022	17
2100 Travel & Trans of Persons	323	311	316	(7)
2300 Rents, Comm & Utilities	226	218	221	(5)
2400 Printing & Reproduction	64	62	63	(1)
2500 Other Services	920	885	900	(20)
2600 Supplies and Materials	481	463	470	(11)
3100 Personal Property	219	211	214	(5)
Total	11,663	11,568	11,691	28