

**OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (0053)
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Attorney General's Office is a constitutionally established office that is charged with the responsibility of acting as the attorney for all state officials, departments, institutions and agencies. The Attorney General is also responsible for defending the state in federal courts, acting as legal representative of all state parties in litigation in which the state is involved, and for issuing legal opinions on constitutional or legal questions. The AG's Office also administers the Crime Victims Reparation Program, the Medicaid Fraud Program, Consumer Protection Division, and the Consumer Utilities Rate Advocacy Division.

Total Biennial Budget

The total budget for the 2011-2013 biennium is \$22,851,856 for FY2012 and \$23,182,517 for FY2013.

Funding Source

Funded through the State Central Services Fund, special revenues(from funds transferred from State Administration of Justice Fund allocations), federal funds, and fund balances.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Administration Appropriation-State Central Services

- \$14.6 million each year which is \$198,000 over base level for capital outlay and increase in operating expenses.

Internet Crime Child Appropriation-Federal Funds

- Requested \$50,000 each year in the event federal funds become available.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

Total Positions for FY 2011-13 Biennium: 169

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IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Attorney Fees. The disbursing officer of the appropriations shall deposit all monies received by the Office of Attorney General as attorney fees in the State Central Services Fund as direct revenues.

Transfer Provision. Authorized to transfer appropriation and funding between line items in Section 3 - Operations.

Quarterly Reports. Requires quarterly reports of funds received through court order or settlement agreements to Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.*New Language*