

CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD

Appropriations Report

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) acts as an advocate for residential and small commercial utility ratepayers in Kansas in order to protect their interests. CURB's mission is to provide ratepayers in Kansas with competent and quality legal representation before the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), the various courts, and the Kansas Legislature. CURB is funded by assessments levied against the public utilities in whose cases CURB can intervene.

BUDGET ITEMS

	Agency		LBC (HB 2007, as Introduced)		Final Approved (SB 125)	
	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds
FY 2025						
Approved						
Approved Budget	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921
Other Changes						
1. Consultant Services	-	\$88,000	-	\$88,000	-	\$88,000
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	-	\$88,000	-	\$88,000	-	\$88,000
TOTAL	-	\$1,436,921	-	\$1,436,921	-	\$1,436,921
FY 2026						
Approved						
Approved Budget	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921	-	\$1,348,921
Enhancement						
2. 2025 Pay Plan	-	-	-	-	-	\$31,165
<i>Subtotal – Enhancement</i>	-	-	-	-	-	\$31,165
Other Changes						
3. Communication	-	\$7,105	-	\$7,105	-	\$7,105
4. Computer Hardware and Support Equipment	-	\$2,380	-	\$2,380	-	\$2,380
5. Group Health Insurance	-	\$9,384	-	\$9,384	-	\$9,384
6. KPERS	-	\$2,147	-	\$2,147	-	\$2,147
7. Salaries and Wages	-	\$3,003	-	\$3,003	-	\$3,003
All Other Adjustments	-	(\$76)	-	(\$76)	-	(\$76)
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	-	\$23,943	-	\$23,943	-	\$23,943
TOTAL	-	\$1,372,864	-	\$1,372,864	-	\$1,404,029

* Note: "Final Approved" represents adjustments in SB 125, as enacted. Other recommendations are cumulative and based on prior steps.

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1. Consultant Services

FY 2025

Agency: Add \$88,000, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for consultant services in FY 2025.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$88,000, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for consultant services in FY 2025.

2. 2025 Pay Plan

FY 2026

Agency: N/A

LBC: N/A

House: N/A

Senate: N/A

Conference: Add \$31,165 to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

Final Approved*: Add \$31,165 to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

3. Communication

FY 2026

Agency: Add \$7,105, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for various communication expenditures for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$7,105, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for various communication expenditures for FY 2026.

4. Computer Hardware and Support Equipment

FY 2026

Agency: Add \$2,380, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for computer hardware and support equipment for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$2,380, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for computer hardware and support equipment for FY 2026.

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5. Group Health Insurance

FY 2026

Agency: Add \$9,384, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for group health insurance for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$9,384, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for group health insurance for FY 2026.

6. KPERS

FY 2026

Agency: Add \$2,147, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for employer contributions to KPERS for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$2,147, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for employer contributions to KPERS for FY 2026.

7. Salaries and Wages

FY 2026

Agency: Add \$3,003, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for salaries and wages for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$3,003, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, for salaries and wages for FY 2026.

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