

CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ -	\$ 1,054,540	\$ 1,054,540	9.0	
FY 2024 Actual	-	1,099,207	1,099,207	9.0	
FY 2025 Actual	-	1,233,020	1,233,020	9.0	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 1,404,029	\$ 1,404,029	9.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
House Committee of the Whole	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
Legislative Approved	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
Governor's Recommendation	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 1,404,029	\$ 1,404,029	9.0	
Agency Request	-	1,555,801	1,555,801	9.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	-	1,555,801	1,555,801	9.0	
House Committee of the Whole	-	1,555,801	1,555,801	9.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	-	1,555,801	1,555,801	9.0	
Legislative Approved	-	1,564,358	1,564,358	9.0	
Governor's Recommendation	-	1,555,801	1,555,801	9.0	

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.

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 1,404,029	\$ 1,404,029	9.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	-	1,405,739	1,405,739	9.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 1,405,739	\$ 1,405,739	9.0	
House Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ -	\$ 1,405,739	\$ 1,405,739	9.0	
Senate Committees					
Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ -	\$ 1,405,739	\$ 1,405,739	9.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ -	\$ 1,405,739	\$ 1,405,739	9.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$1.4 million, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, and 9.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$1,710 above the approved amount. The agency is authorized each year, by language in the appropriations bill, to carry over unspent funds for professional services between fiscal years to ensure sufficient funds during years with a higher number of rate cases.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026.

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House Committees

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Utilities

The **Senate Committee on Utilities** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** concurs with the Senate Subcommittee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 1,404,029	\$ 1,404,029	9.0	
Agency Request	-	1,555,801	1,555,801	9.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 1,555,801	\$ 1,555,801	9.0	
House Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ -	\$ 1,555,801	\$ 1,555,801	9.0	
Senate Committees					
Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ -	\$ 1,555,801	\$ 1,555,801	9.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	-	8,557	8,557	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 8,557	\$ 8,557	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ -	\$ 1,564,358	\$ 1,564,358	9.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests \$1.6 million, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, and 9.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$151,772, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature for FY 2026.

The request includes an increase of \$75,000 for fees for professional services, \$66,320 for expenditures relating to implementing changes recommended by the Legislative Division of Post Audit regarding agency IT practices, and \$10,452 for all other adjustments. All other adjustments includes \$10,368 for increased rates relating to employer contributions for group health insurance.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027.

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House Committees

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Utilities

The **Senate Committee on Utilities** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** concurs with the Senate Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add \$8,557, all from the Utility Regulatory Fee Fund, to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for 2027.