

Budget Presentation

Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government

February 5, 2025



Office Mission



Mediate disputed requests



Provide advice & guidance on the law



Train records requesters & custodians



Serve on & administer the Public Records Advisory Council



Office Goals





Improve communicationbetween parties



Seek common understanding



Find creative solutions



De-escalate tense or difficult requests

History of the Office

2019
Departure
of first
Advocate

2017

SB 106

establishes the

Office

SB 500
declares
Advocate an independent office
&

Establishes

Treasury Fund

SB 510 –
Office to be funded by assessment

2023

HB 5032 - 1st

budget bill as

standalone

agency



Accomplishing the Office's Mission

Facilitated
dispute
resolution
("Requests for
Assistance")

Public employee & public training

Policy Development

Public Records
Advisory
Council





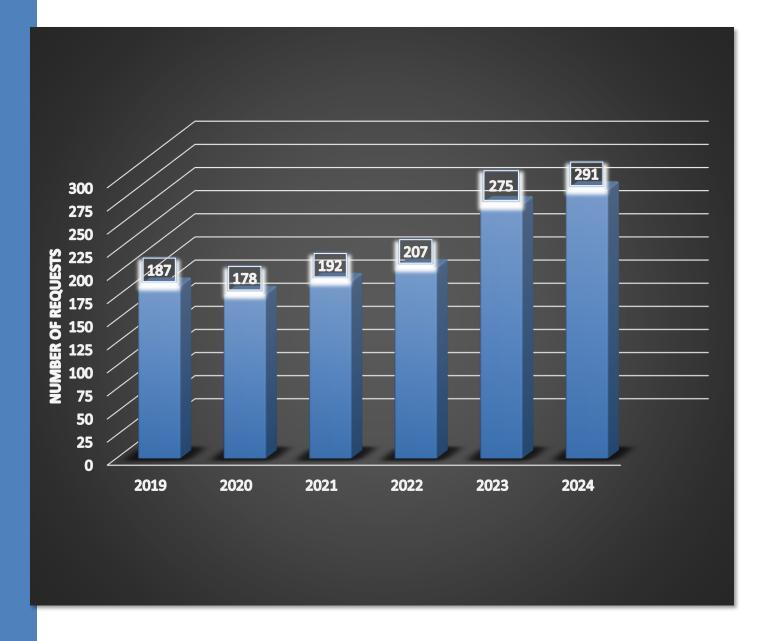
Organizational Chart

Public Records Advocate Deputy Public Records Advocate



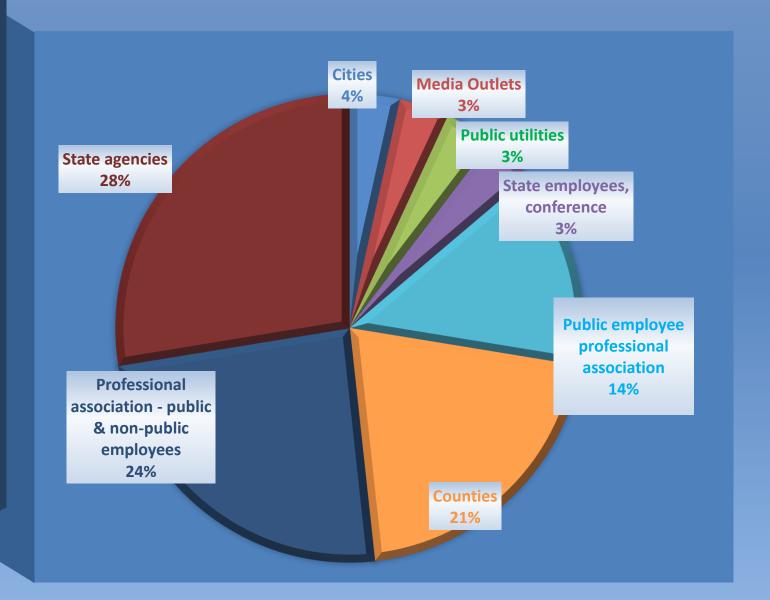
Requests for Assistance

2019-2024



Knowledge Sharing

March 2023 – February 2025



Key Performance Measures



(1) Customer Service



(2) Council Best Practices



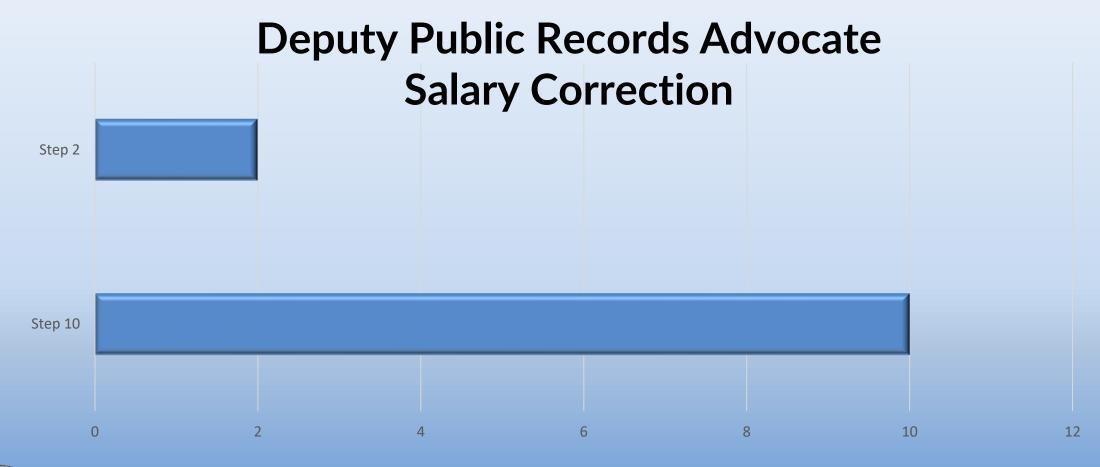
(3) Mediation Efficiency



(4) Training Effectiveness



Remaining Issues for the 2023-25 Biennium





2025-27 Governor's Budget







10% Reduction Options

• 2.6% Reduction: \$30,111 - Eliminate in-state and out-of-state travel; all office personnel training remote only. Eliminates employee development and leadership training, publicity and publications, and other S&S.

• 7.4% Reduction: \$87,183 - Reduce Deputy PRA from 1.0FTE to 0.79 FTE.

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