



Office of Injured Employee Counsel Funding

The Office of Injured Employee Counsel (OIEC) is administratively attached to the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) and is not funded for consumables, facilities, or other items due to its administrative attachment. The Texas Legislature appropriates funds from a general revenue dedicated account to agencies that participate in or contribute to the regulation of insurance, prevention of insurance loss, and administration of workers' compensation. OIEC is funded by this dedicated account within the same operating account as TDI. Both the Texas Insurance Code and Texas Labor Code require that maintenance taxes levied against insurance companies be set with the intention of collecting the revenue needed to fund authorized expenditures from this account.

Recently, the Texas Legislature has requested that every State agency reduce its budget. However, a reduction in OIEC's funding would not save the State of Texas any money; rather, it would reduce the maintenance tax levied on workers' compensation insurance companies.