

Statutory Changes to Citizen Trade Policy Commission Staffing

As originally printed in LD 1815 from 121 st Legislature	P.L. 2003, ch. 699	P.L. 2013, ch. 427 (current law)
		Why? See below
8. Staff. <u>The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide the necessary staff support for the operation of the commission.</u>	8. Staff. <u>The Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide the necessary staff support for the operation of the commission. After one year, the commission shall assess the need for and qualifications of a staff person, for example, an executive director. If the commission determines that it requires such a person, it may request additional funds from the Legislature.</u>	8. Staff. The Legislature, through the commission, shall contract for staff support for the commission, which, to the extent funding permits, must be year-round staff support. In the event funding does not permit adequate staff support, the commission may request staff support from the Legislative Council, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Current language necessary because P.L. 2011, ch. 468 provided \$12,000 in funding for contract staff.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Provides funding for administrative support for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$0	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,000

[Testimony](#) from the Honorable Sharon Treat on LD 1151, which became P.L. 2013, ch. 427 (current law):

This bill modifies the law governing the Citizen Trade Policy Commission to help insure that the CTPC has consistent staffing and sufficient resources to commission the legal or policy research we may need to understand these complex issues, to hold the public hearings we are mandated to have, and which provide us with needed direction as well as educate the public about these important issues; and to allow members to meet with the US Trade Representative or other officials when such meetings may help make sure that these trade policies support, rather than undermine our laws or our economy. Thank you for your consideration.