

ITEM REDUCTIONS BY METHOD OF FINANCING
 81st Regular Session, 2010-11 Item Reductions
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Agency code: 233

Agency name: Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg

Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing	2010	2011	Biennial Total	Target
1 Appellate Court Operations--5% Reduction				
Item Comment: As discussed in the joint letter to state leadership dated February 16, 2010, the courts of appeals request to maintain the full level of funding appropriated to the courts for FY 2010-2011 and utilize that funding as authorized by the 81st Legislature. A 5% reduction would have a significant impact on the 13th Court of Appeals. Specifically, the Court would have to rescind authorized salary adjustments for attorneys, leave 1.5 positions vacant (one central staff attorney position and .5 administrative staff), and reduce a small portion of operating costs such as travel and consumables. The 5% reduction would result in a decline in the number of dispositions of appeals and an increase in the amount of time in which appeals remain pending during the biennium, negatively impacting our performance measures. If the Court is unable to make authorized salary adjustments in FY 2011, it is anticipated that we will experience additional vacancies. The Court requires a highly skilled and trained professional workforce. Additional vacancies will result in a backlog of cases.				
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				
1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$233,735		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$233,735		
Item Total	\$0	\$233,735		
Agency General Revenue Total	\$0	\$233,735		
Agency GR Dedicated Total				
Agency Grand Total	\$0	\$233,735	\$233,735	\$233,735

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.