

**ETHICS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

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March 9, 2016

The Honorable Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair
and Members of the Budget Committee
Honolulu City Council
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Dear Chair Kobayashi and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: FY 2017 Operating Budget Review Testimony for Honolulu
Ethics Commission, Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

Good afternoon Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Budget Committee.
My name is Victoria Marks, and I am the Chair of the Honolulu Ethics Committee.

The Commission's proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget is \$479,305
which is \$55,042 more than the FY16 budget. The majority of the increase over
FY16 is due to salary increases.

There are two (2) issues upon which I request your favorable consideration.

First, we have invested in a computer software program, called Mindflash, for
conducting on-line ethics training for all County Employees. This program has a cost
of \$6,000 per year to fully operate. We request an additional \$6,000 for this program.

Second, I bring to your attention the fact that the Ethics Commission has
only one (1) investigator to handle numerous ethics complaints, as described in
the attachments to this report. Specifically, other county and state administrative
investigators carry a caseload of about 25 cases per year. The Ethics Commission
investigator has been carrying a caseload of about 100 cases per year. This has
been an ongoing concern. We hope that in the future, funds for an additional
investigator will be made available.

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Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

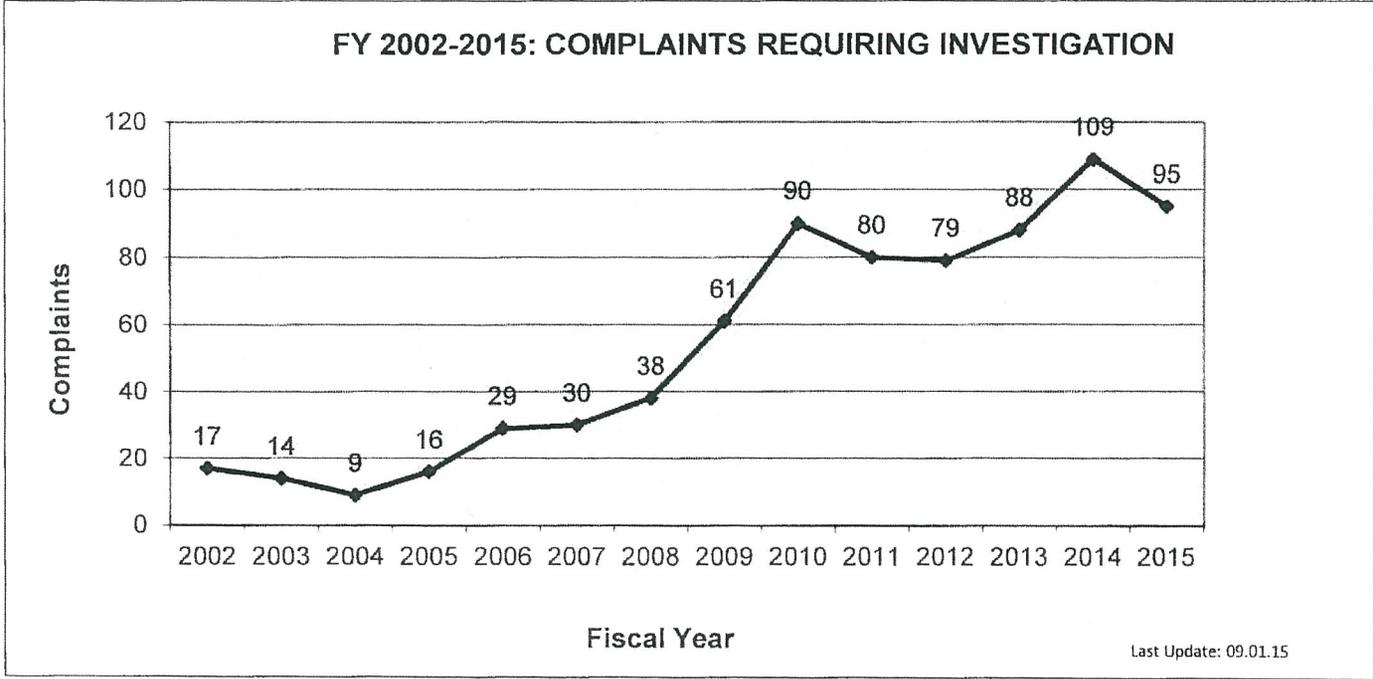
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Victoria S. Marks, Chair
Honolulu Ethics Commission

cc: Nelson H. Koyanagi, Jr. Director, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services
Roy K. Amemiya, Jr., Managing Director
Budgetary Administrative Division
Division of Corporation Counsel

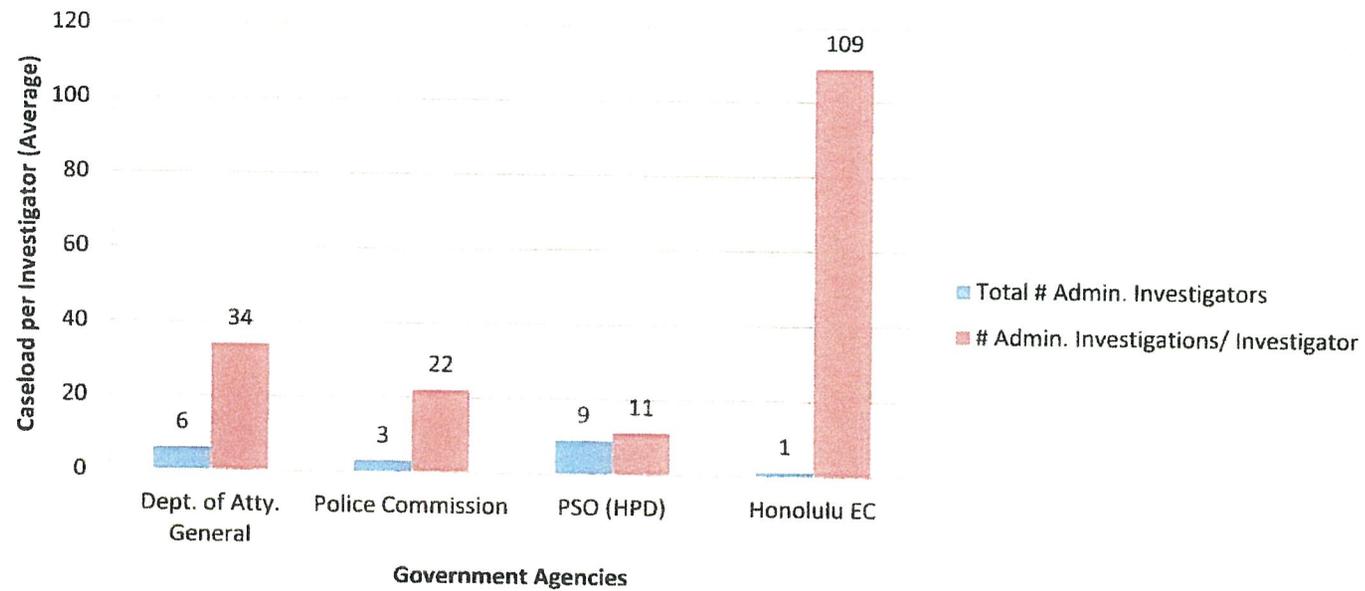
Attachments

Complaints	Fiscal Year
17	2002
14	2003
9	2004
16	2005
29	2006
30	2007
38	2008
61	2009
90	2010
80	2011
79	2012
88	2013
109	2014
95	2015
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15	90



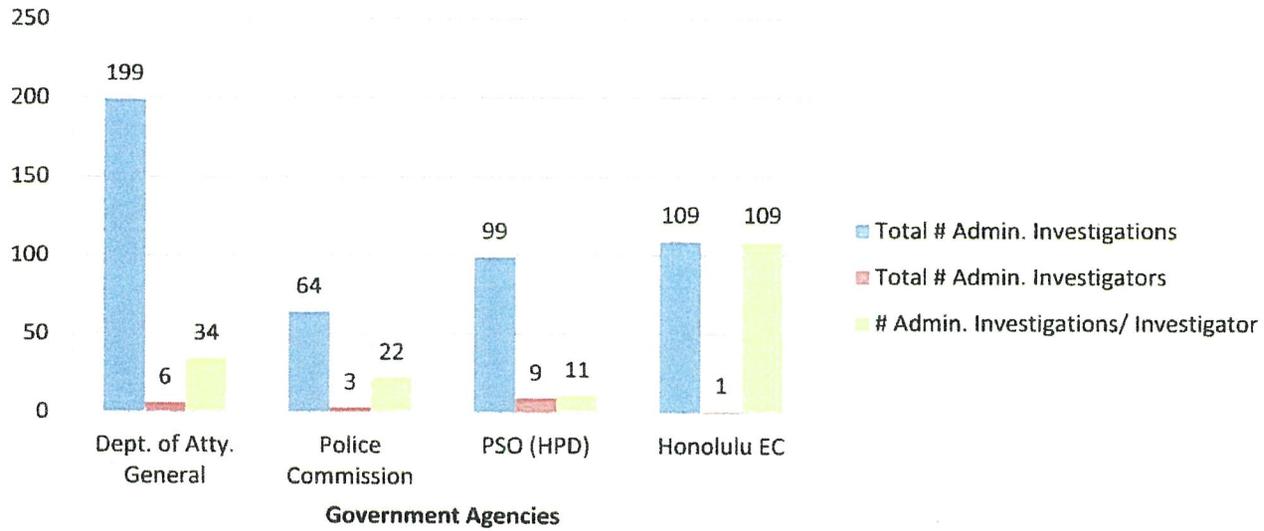
	Dept. of Atty. General	Police Commission	PSO (HPD)	Honolulu EC
Total # Admin. Investigators	6	3	9	1
# Admin. Investigations/ Investigator	34	22	11	109

Average Caseload Per Investigator

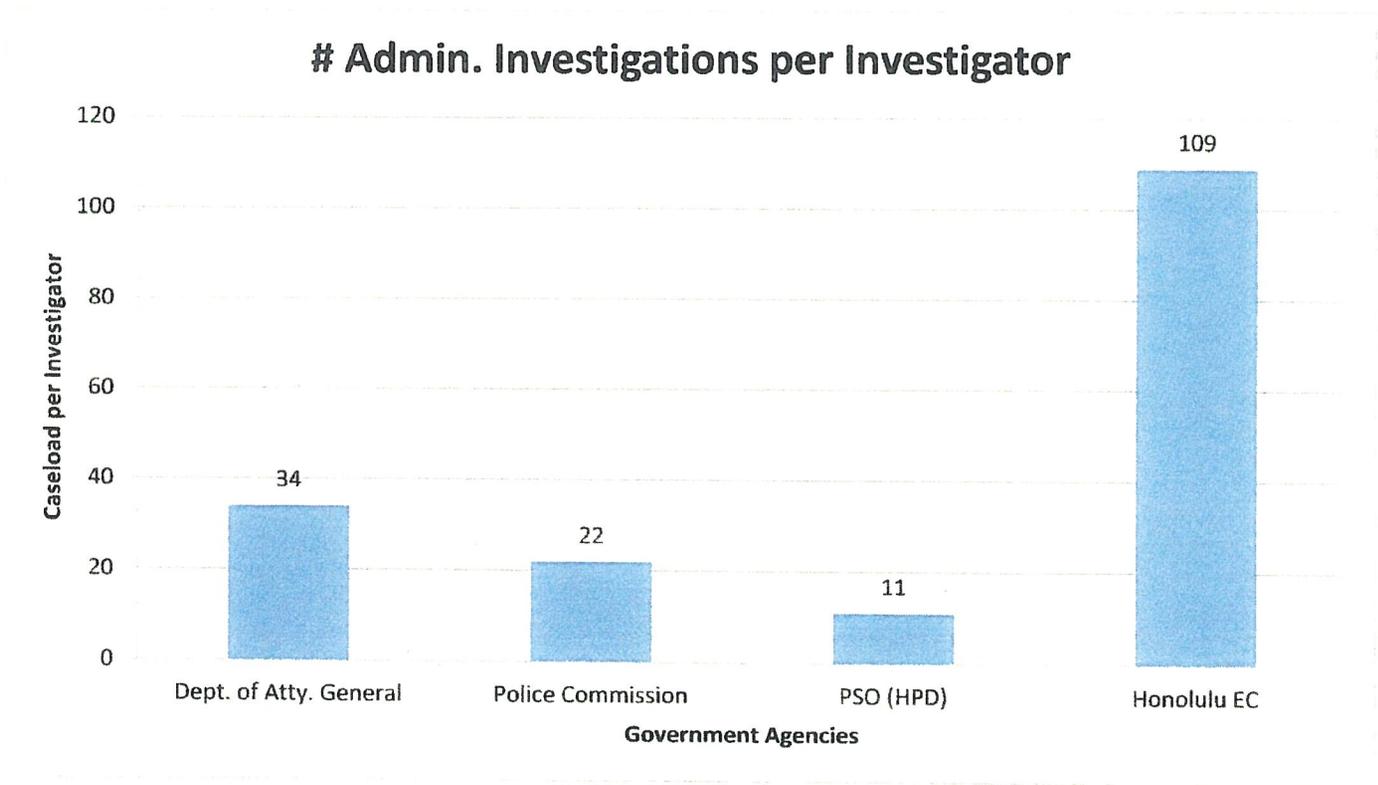


	Dept. of Atty. General	Police Commission	PSO (HPD)	Honolulu EC
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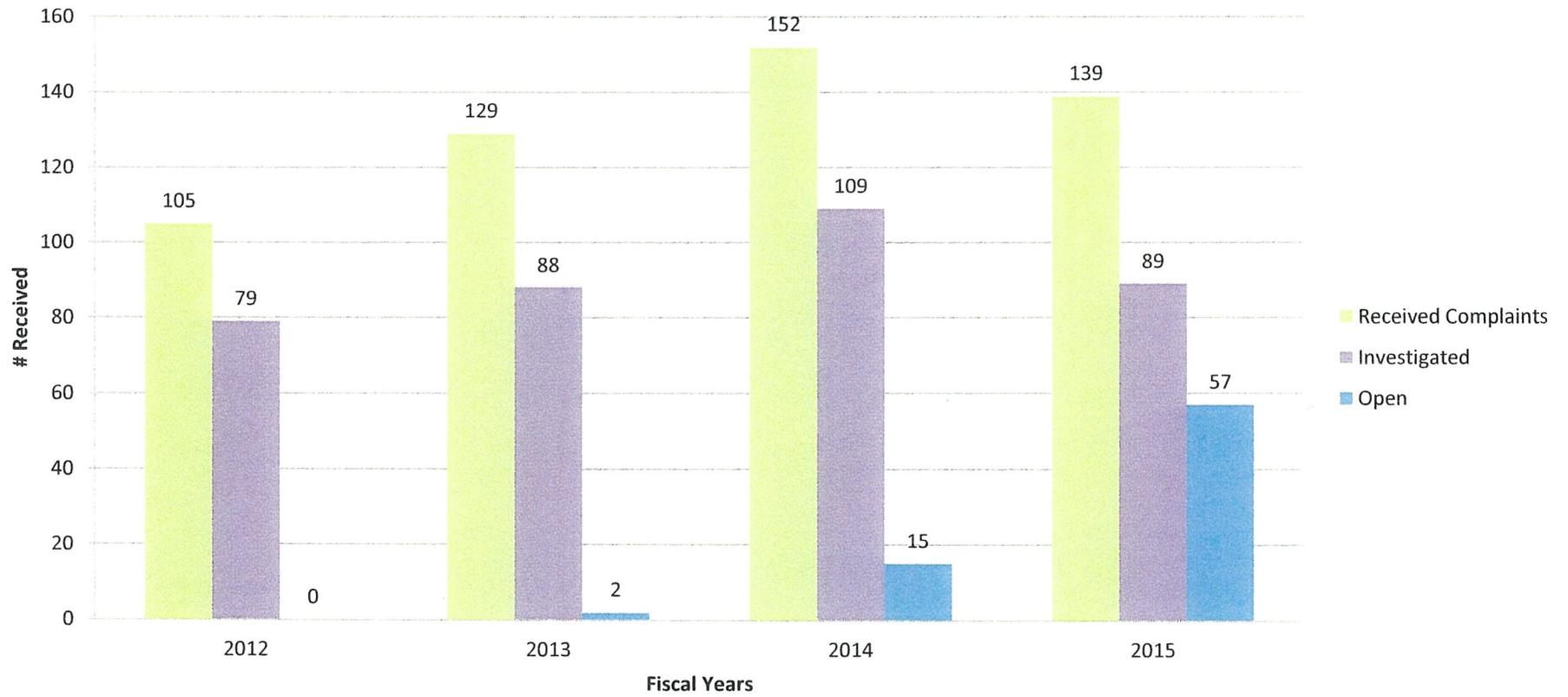


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Last Reviewed: 09.01.15

Total Complaints FY 2012-2015



Total Request for Advice FY 2012-2015

