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HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	3,351,018	3,952,294	4,224,801	4,676,749
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
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Total Funds	\$3,351,018	\$3,952,294	\$4,224,801	\$4,676,749
Positions	28	28	28	28
Full-time Equivalent	27.12	27.29	27.29	28.00

Overview

The Health Licensing Office (HLO) licenses and regulates individuals and businesses that operate under the jurisdiction of 10 boards, or advisory councils, or programs. The agency manages the following professions with a consolidated staff:

- Athletic Training
- Environmental Health
- Cosmetology
- Electrology
- Denture Technology
- Permanent Color Technology and Tattoo
- Direct Entry Midwifery
- Hearing Aids
- Respiratory Therapy
- Body Piercing

Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is an 11 percent increase from the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. It grants the agency authority to assess costs of disciplining a licensee on the offending licensee. The balanced budget also incorporates a concept that would allow the Health Licensing Office to inspect Electrology facilities and better align Cosmetology licensure with that of other states. Several technology projects are also in the balanced budget, including an e-commerce services package and database improvements.

Revenue

The Health Licensing Office is entirely funded with licensing fees generated from its various licensing boards and programs. The recommendations include an increase in fees for the Body Piercing and Denture Technology programs. The Body Piercing increase is part of a fee schedule restructuring that places more of the financial

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burden on facilities instead of technician registrations. Under the current system, licensees must have a separate registration to work at each facility, but this concept would give facilities flexibility by allowing employees to work at multiple facilities with one registration. There are fewer Denture Technologists, giving each licensee a larger share of the program's expenses. Should the agency collect significantly more revenue than anticipated from Cosmetology program changes, the agency may issue refunds or implement some other method of redistributing additional revenue to licensees or potential licensees. Inclusive of these fee adjustments, agency revenues are estimated to increase by about 14 percent.

The balanced budget leaves the agency with an \$810,378 Other Funds ending balance. This is the equivalent of just over four months of average operational expenditures.