

Consumer and Business Services

STATE MORTUARY AND CEMETERY BOARD

	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	863,332	1,002,270	1,033,486	1,136,897
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
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Total Funds	\$863,332	\$1,002,270	\$1,033,486	\$1,136,897
Positions	6	6	6	6
Full-time Equivalent	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

Overview

The Mortuary and Cemetery Board regulates the practice of individuals and establishments engaged in the sale of funeral and cemetery goods and services, as well as the care, preparation, processing, transportation, and final disposition of human remains. The Board's licensees include funeral service practitioners, embalmers, apprentices, pre-need salespeople, funeral establishments, immediate disposition companies, cemeteries, and crematories.

Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is \$1,136,897 Other Funds, which is 10 percent higher than the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The balanced budget continues the current level of service to licensees and citizens.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds supported by license fees, public record fees, a portion of death certificate filing fees, and civil penalties. The Board receives \$5 of the \$7 death certificate filing fee. The remaining \$2 is transferred to the Department of Human Services (DHS) Health Division for administration of the Indigent Burial Fund Program, which allows funeral service practitioners to claim limited reimbursement when a deceased person lacks assets and no one takes responsibility for the expenses of final disposition. For 2003-05, the Board will transfer out \$119,462 Other Funds to DHS.

During the 2001-03 biennium the Board, under direction from the 2001 Legislature, established a renewal fee of \$25 per year for pre-need salespersons. The Board has also submitted a legislative concept to raise the death certificate filing fee from \$7 to \$14. Approval of the fees by the 2003 Legislature would result in \$1,420,356 total

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Other Funds revenue in 2003-05. The Governor's balanced budget would leave the Board with \$283,459, or about six months, ending cash balance for 2003-05.