

## Consumer and Business Services

### BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

	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	5,217,053	6,117,760	6,287,318	6,890,328
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$5,217,053	\$6,117,760	\$6,287,318	\$6,890,328
Positions	33	33	33	34
Full-time Equivalent	30.96	31.00	31.00	32.60

#### Overview

The Board of Medical Examiners protects the public by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes quality care. It does this through licensing, investigation, examination, continuing education, and discipline. The Board regulates medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, podiatrists, licensed acupuncturists, and physician assistants.

The Board also manages a diversion program to assist licensees with substance abuse problems. The Board designed the program to encourage licensees to seek help in the early stages of the disease. The program is funded with a portion of each license renewal fee and fees charged to clients who enter the program.

#### Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is \$6,890,328 Other Funds, which is about 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. It provides for computer upgrades, increases consultant services including a consultant workshop, and adds hours to three current part-time positions and establishes one position due to increased workload.

#### Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds, supported by fees paid for professional licenses, examinations, and miscellaneous revenue. A portion of the annual renewal fee is transferred to the Oregon Health Sciences University to maintain its medical library. The Governor's balanced budget would leave the Board with \$4,030,592, or about 14 months, ending cash balance for 2003-05. The Board needs a minimum of six months ending balance due to its renewal cycle in December of odd-number years for medical and osteopathy doctors.