

## Consumer and Business Services

### OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING

	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	5,888,784	6,383,310	6,820,153	8,081,485
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
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<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$5,888,784</b>	<b>\$6,383,310</b>	<b>\$6,820,153</b>	<b>\$8,081,485</b>
Positions	35	35	35	43
Full-time Equivalent	33.83	34.50	34.50	41.75

### Overview

The Board of Nursing licenses and regulates registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice nurses, certified nursing assistants (CNA), and certified medication aides (CMA). The Board also operates the Nurse Monitoring Program that helps nurses with chemical dependency or other issues get treatment and reenter the profession.

### Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is almost a 19 percent increase from the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. Much of the increase is one-time in nature for technology projects and an associated limited-duration position. The Governor's balanced budget maintains current services with several enhancements:

- Greater staffing for the customer call center (more live people answering the telephone).
- Additional investigator and support staff (Law Enforcement Data System checks and assistance with the Nurse Monitoring Program).
- Nurse Consultant position (policy and research).
- Database administrator (data integrity and assistance with e-commerce implementation).
- Office reconfiguration and teleconference capability (avoids needing more space and increases access to Board activities and education).

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### Revenue

The Board is requesting an increase in several fee categories to fund these enhancements. The fees will increase by \$20 per biennium for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. These increases bring in the bulk of the new revenue and should not create barriers to entry for any class of licensure, as agency still maintains a very low fee structure relative to other boards and commissions within Oregon and around the country. CNA fees will increase by a lesser amount as they are subsidized by Medicare and Medicaid; these funds are transferred as Other Funds from Department of Human Services Seniors and People with Disabilities.

The balanced budget leaves the agency with \$1,177,447 Other Funds ending balance. This is almost four months of average operational expenses.