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	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$11,029,548	\$11,320,999	\$12,592,154
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	244,039,106	267,976,403	305,441,280
Federal Funds	1,405,139	1,821,424	2,328,373
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	440,602,624	553,575,767	558,633,599
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$697,076,417	\$834,694,593	\$878,995,406
Positions	1,578	1,587	1,604
Full-time Equivalent	1,549.55	1,549.87	1,578.99

Overview

Consumer and Business Services agencies work to protect consumers and workers, and to promote a positive business climate in the state. During the 2005-07 biennium, the Governor will continue to focus on agencies that target consumer and business issues on regulatory streamlining and integration to ensure a strong business climate, while maintaining long term worker safety and consumer safety.

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Fee increases are kept to a minimum. Those approved will maintain or enhance services supported by affected constituents. Agencies will continue to evaluate services, systems and programs in this program area for better coordination and integration.

Agencies within the Consumer and Business Services Program Area include:

- The Department of Consumer and Business Services that protects the public in matters of workers' compensation, workplace safety, health care coverage, insurance, and financial services. It enforces state building codes. The agency helps emerging small businesses, and assists businesses owned by minorities, women and the disadvantaged. It is also the lead state agency for the Governor's regulatory streamlining initiative.
- The Bureau of Labor and Industries works to create a skilled workforce. It protects people's rights on issues of jobs, housing, public accommodation, and trade schools. It also provides training programs.
- The Public Utility Commission that works to ensure that safe and reliable utility services are provided to consumers at just and reasonable rates through regulation and promoting the development of competitive markets. It does this by regulating investor-owned electricity and natural gas companies, as well as certain telephone and water companies.
- The regulatory boards protect customers of various professional services. These boards ensure that only qualified people are licensed or bonded. They set and ensure standards of conduct.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget for the Consumer and Business Services program area agencies is \$879 million total funds. This is 5.3 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget.

Most significant, the Governor's budget continues efforts started in the 2005-07 biennium to develop an electronic permitting system for building codes. A pilot was complete in 2005 with the cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Milwaukie and Portland, and the counties of Clackamas and Washington. From that experience, the Governor directed development and implementation of a statewide electronic and interoperable e-permitting system with the capacity to ultimately serve all 132 local jurisdictions in their construction plan review, permitting, and inspection activities. During the 2007-09 biennium, the Department of Consumer and Business Services will implement the first phase of this 10-year project. The total cost of this multi-phase effort is estimated at \$46 million.

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OREGON BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	1,418,935	1,473,306	1,642,874
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$1,418,935	\$1,473,306	\$1,642,874
Positions	7	7	7
Full-time Equivalent	7.00	7.00	7.00

Overview

The Oregon Board of Accountancy protects the public by regulating the practice and performance of services provided by licensed accountants. The Board performs the following functions:

- Evaluates the qualification of candidates for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam (CPA Exam).
- Manages the CPA Exam applications and grades.
- Licenses certified public accountants, public accountants, municipal auditors, and public accounting firms.
- Renews and reinstates individual licenses and firm registrations.
- Monitors continuing education of licensees.
- Investigates complaints and enforces statutes and rules.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$1.6 million Other Funds. This is 11.5 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget will allow the Board to continue existing operations. It also increases funding for information technology upgrades that will allow licensees to renew online.

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Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Fund revenues. Revenues come almost entirely from licensing fees. The Governor's recommended budget leaves the Board with a 2007-09 ending cash balance of \$770,150. This amount would cover about 11 months of operating expenses. The Board is not proposing any fee increases in the 2007-09 biennium.

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BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	890,126	991,183	1,125,027
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$890,126	\$991,183	\$1,125,027
Positions	5	5	5
Full-time Equivalent	4.50	4.50	4.50

Overview

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners regulates chiropractors and chiropractic assistants through public protection, licensing, continuing education, examination, rulemaking, and practice guidelines. The Governor appoints seven Board members, five chiropractors and two public members, who serve three-year terms.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$1.1 million Other Funds. This is about 14 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The Governor's budget ratifies the fee increase approved by the 2005 Legislature and implemented during the 2005-07 biennium to cover the cost of criminal background checks for Doctor of Chiropractic applicants. The budget also funds additional legal and investigative costs for the increase of complex investigations and contested cases. It adds funding for merchant fees to cover the cost associated with acceptance of credit cards payments.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds, supported by fees paid for professional licenses, examinations, and miscellaneous revenue. The Board receives approximately 97 percent of its revenue from fees for licensure and less than 3.0 percent from sales of lists, mailing labels, various fines or forfeitures, and cost recovery efforts. The Governor's recommended budget would leave the Board with \$340,546 ending cash balance for 2007-09, which would be enough to cover about seven months of operational expenses.

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STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	493,964	567,514	680,647
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$493,964	\$567,514	\$680,647
Positions	3	3	4
Full-time Equivalent	2.50	2.50	3.00

Overview

The mission of the Board of Clinical Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of about 3,300 clinical social workers and clinical social worker associates. The Board is responsible for regulating social workers that choose to be licensed, though the Board does not regulate the practice of social work. Only those practitioners who use the title, "Licensed Clinical Social Worker," (LCSW) are subject to the Board's standards for licensure and professional conduct. The Board also oversees the Certificate of Clinical Social Work Associate (CSWA). These individuals must be supervised by an Oregon LCSW, and monitored by the Board every six months.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$680,647 Other Funds. This is about 20 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget supports existing services to licensees and citizens. It also provides additional funding for Board member training and a new half-time clerical position to support a growing number of licensees.

Revenue

The Board is funded solely by Other Funds received from application fees, initial certificates, initial licenses, certificates and license renewal fees, delinquent fees, and from fees for copied documents/publications. The Governor's recommended budget ratifies the fee increase approved by the 2005 Legislature and implemented during the 2005-07 biennium. This revenue is critical to the agency's operations. The recommended budget includes an additional regulatory streamlining fee increase making

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initial licensure fees equal to renewal fees. The Governor's recommended budget would leave the Board with a 2007-09 ending cash balance of \$175,716, or about six months of average operating expenses.

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CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS BOARD

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	10,315,217	11,821,224	13,646,145
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$10,315,217	\$11,821,224	\$13,646,145
Positions	61	61	65
Full-time Equivalent	60.38	60.38	63.92

Overview

The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) safeguards consumers' rights related to contract improvements to real property. They also promote a fair, equitable, and competitive environment in the construction industry. The agency is responsible for:

- Licensing contractors and subcontractors for residential and commercial construction.
- Adjudicating claims against licensed contractors and subcontractors.
- Investigating alleged violations of construction related laws.
- Educating consumers and contractors.
- Investigating fraudulent construction activity in cooperation with the Department of Justice, Oregon State Police, and contracted investigators.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$13.6 million Other Funds. This is a 15.4 percent increase over the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The CCB's funding has been relatively constant over the last few biennia, even during great fluctuations in the construction market it regulates. The Governor's recommended budget adds resources in several areas. It expands the consumer education program by adding a communications position. It adds funds to replace computer equipment and upgrade software. A revenue collection position is established to collect penalties and fines. The budget also establishes two

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dispute resolution investigator/mediators to assist contractors and consumers before a formal complaint is filed.

Revenue

The Board is funded with Other Fund revenues, almost entirely through registration and renewal fees. The 2003 Legislature approved a fee increase and a change in fee structure by eliminating the categorical fees ranging from \$160 to \$225 per biennium, and implementing a flat fee of \$295 per biennium. The agency put this fee into effect July 2004. Because of higher than expected licensing and renewals, the Board voted in June 2005 to reduce fees to \$260 effective October 2005. The agency estimates that it will collect approximately \$12.5 million from this source in 2007-09. The Governor's recommended budget would provide the agency with an ending balance equivalent to nearly six months of operating expenditures.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	162,243,778	177,519,614	200,526,723
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	334,334,972	443,287,607	448,267,375
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$496,578,750	\$620,807,221	\$648,794,098
Positions	1,076	1,083	1,079
Full-time Equivalent	1,063.32	1,068.47	1,067.42

Overview

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) administers programs that protect consumers and workers. This is done while supporting a positive business climate in the state. The Department is also the lead state agency for the Governor's regulatory streamlining initiative.

DCBS has nine major programs:

- The Workers' Compensation Board hears and settles cases relating to workers' compensation claims and workplace safety.
- The Workers' Compensation Division supervises and enforces workers' compensation insurance laws. The Division funds programs that help injured workers and employers. It also funds the administrative costs of the Management-Labor Advisory Committee. This Committee considers various aspects of the workers' compensation system and reports findings to the Director and the Legislature.
- The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division helps make sure that the workplace is safe. It conducts worksite inspections, provides training materials, and offers free consultation services to employers.
- The Insurance Division helps make sure that insurance companies are financially sound. It also works to see that insurance policyholders and claimants are treated fairly.
- The Division of Finance and Corporate Securities assures financial institutions' services and products are provided in a safe, sound, equitable and fraud-free manner while promoting a favorable business climate for these institutions. It also helps make sure that financial deals are fully disclosed.

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- Shared Services Division guides the agency. It has five sections under the Director's Office: Fiscal and Business Services, the Information Management Division, Communications Section, Human Resources Services, and the Office of Regulatory Streamlining.
- The Building Codes Division regulates building construction. It provides code development, administration, inspection, plan review, licensing, and permit services to the industry.
- The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool increases Oregonians' access to health care coverage. It provides coverage to those who are unable to obtain it on their own because of poor health conditions, job loss or change.
- The Office of Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Business helps the disadvantaged, women and minority-owned firms, and emerging small businesses. It helps make sure that all businesses have equal access to public and private contracting opportunities.

DCBS administers two Nonlimited Special Payments accounts and five workers' compensation reserve programs within the Workers' Benefit Fund.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget for DCBS is \$648.8 million total funds. This is 4.5 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. Limited expenditures have increased by almost 13 percent. Nonlimited expenditures have increased by slightly over one percent. The budget maintains the current level of operations and adds funding in the following areas.

The budget enhances the agency's current Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program by establishing a manager and part-time office staff position to respond to increase workload due to the implementation of Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) in January 2006 and on-going claims and coverage questions from seniors.

The Governor's recommended budget for DCBS includes a new regulatory streamlining effort. This effort is the development of a statewide electronic permitting system with the capacity to ultimately serve all 132 local jurisdictions in their construction plan review, permitting, and inspection activities. The budget establishes 13 positions to begin implementation of the first phase of the 10-year project. The positions will provide project management and information technology system development for the e-permitting system.

The budget also adds a new area of regulatory responsibility for the agency by requiring licensing of persons who cash checks for a fee. A financial examiner position is established to review applications and perform enforcement functions related to this effort.

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Revenue

DCBS has numerous sources of Other Fund revenues including workers' compensation "cents-per-hour" assessments and contributions (2.8 cents-per-hour effective January 2007); workers' compensation premium assessments (4.6 percent of earned premiums for insurers, and 4.8 percent for self-insured employers and self-insured employer groups); premium payments and health insurer assessments for the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool; insurer assessments for the Insurance Division; license fees and other charges for services; interest earnings from investment sales; and fines and penalties.

In addition to its Other Fund revenues, the Department also receives Federal Funds that it spends as Other Funds. Federal Funds are received for: administration of the OSHA, collection of statistics for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, regulation of the production of manufactured housing, and administration of the Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program.

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BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds	\$498,467	\$550,168	\$742,102
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Funds	\$498,467	\$550,168	\$742,102
Positions	3	3	4
Full-time Equivalent	2.00	2.00	3.00

Overview

The Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists oversees use of the titles “Licensed Professional Counselor,” and “Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.” Interns are also regulated. Licensure is voluntary. While the agency does not regulate the general practice of counseling and family therapy, it regulates the use of the titles and the practice of its licensees. Licensees and interns must meet the Board’s education, examination, and experience standards.

Recommended Budget

The Governor’s recommended budget is \$742,102 Other Funds. This is about 35 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget continues all programs and adds a position to support growth in licensees and complaint investigations. This is a 33 percent increase in the Board’s staff.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds collected through fees for applications, examinations, licenses and renewals, restoration of lapsed licenses, civil penalties, and miscellaneous services. The Governor’s recommended budget would leave the Board with \$220,313 ending cash balance for 2007-09, which is enough to cover its operational expenses for seven months. The Board is not proposing any fee increases in the 2007-09 biennium.

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OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	1,498,398	1,710,028	1,870,184
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$1,498,398	\$1,710,028	\$1,870,184
Positions	7	7	7
Full-time Equivalent	7.00	7.00	7.00

Overview

The Board of Dentistry ensures that citizens of Oregon receive the highest possible quality of dental care. To this end, the Board regulates dentists and dental hygienists. It does this through examination, licensing, certification, issuance of permits, and discipline. The Board licenses about 3,500 dentists and 3,350 dental hygienists.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is approximately \$1.9 million Other Funds. This is about 9.4 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The budget will provide funding for continuing operations with no enhancements.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds, supported by license and application fees, renewal fees, permit fees, civil penalties, and from the sale of labels, lists, and public documents. The Board gets the majority of its revenues in March. As a result, cash balances are at their lowest in February, which requires a sufficient ending balance to carry out its mission throughout the biennium. The Governor's recommended budget would leave the Board with \$575,718 of ending cash balance for 2007-09, which is enough to cover its operational expenses for about 7 months.

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OREGON HEALTH LICENSING AGENCY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	4,444,249	4,992,324	6,082,884
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$4,444,249	\$4,992,324	\$6,082,884
Positions	27	27	32
Full-time Equivalent	27.00	27.00	31.40

Overview

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) provides licensing, oversight and direction for multiple professions represented by volunteer citizen boards and advisory councils. Legislative reform shifted focus on accountability and review from the boards to the Agency. OHLA regulatory authority and powers span administrative (determining policy, budgeting, rulemaking and personnel) and regulatory (licensing, investigations, discipline and sanctions) while allowing input and consultation from the boards and councils. There are 9 advisory councils, boards or programs representing 33 licenses and 15 practices.

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

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$6.1 million Other Funds, which constitutes a 22 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The budget adds five positions; three investigators that will address back log and two for workload growth in licensing. It also continues automation efforts and an upward reclassification of two technical positions based on job duties.

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Revenue

The Oregon Health Licensing Agency is entirely funded with licensing fees generated from professional licenses and business licenses. In 2005 the Oregon Legislature passed legislation that distinguished the Oregon Health Licensing Agency as a state department of licensing transferring all disciplinary powers and determination of fees to the responsibility of the Agency. The Governor's recommended budget includes a "Uniform Licensing Structure" creating standardized license fees for all professional practices under the Agency's jurisdiction. Approval of these fee changes, by the 2007 Legislature, would result in about \$7.19 million total Other Fund revenues in 2007-09. The Governor's recommended budget would leave the Agency with about \$1.1 million ending cash balance which is the equivalent to about four months of average operational expenditures. The recommended budget also ratifies fee increases approved by the 2005 Legislature and implemented during the 2005-07 biennium.

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	49,947	69,264	78,616
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$49,947	\$69,264	\$78,616
Positions	1	1	1
Full-time Equivalent	0.30	0.30	0.30

Overview

The Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians protects public health, safety, and well being by regulating licensed dietetic practice. Unlike many of the other health-related licensing boards, the licensure of dietitians is not mandatory. The Board recommends sanctions for licensees who violate the Board's standards of conduct and professional responsibility. Licensing of practicing dietitians in the state of Oregon protects the public in the provision of nutrition therapy and ensures a standard of quality. The Board currently has 372 licensees.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$78,616 Other Funds and is a 13.5 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds existing operations with no enhancements.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds, supported by license fees, renewal fees, license lists/labels, and late fees. The Governor's recommended budget leaves the Board with an ending balance of \$56,199 Other Funds, which is equivalent to over 17 months of operating expenses. Due to the limited nature of this Board's budget, the recommended ending balance is prudent since one or two contested cases could quickly place the Board in financial difficulties without adequate reserves.

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OREGON MORTUARY AND CEMETERY BOARD

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	961,296	1,117,605	1,064,292
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$961,296	\$1,117,605	\$1,064,292
Positions	6	6	5
Full-time Equivalent	5.75	6.00	5.00

Overview

The Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board works to protect public health, safety, and welfare by performing licensing, inspection, and enforcement duties, promoting professional behavior in the Oregon death care industry, and maintaining constructive relationships with licensees and the public. The Board's principal duties include providing impartial oversight, regulation, testing, review, registration, certification, and discipline of licensees. Currently, the Board's 2,145 licensees include 629 funeral service practitioners, 480 embalmers, 101 apprentices, 0 interns, 184 preneed sales people, 189 funeral establishments, 12 immediate disposition companies, 491 cemeteries, and 59 crematories.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$1,064,292 Other Funds, which is 4.7 percent lower than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds existing operations minus one Licensing Specialist position which was eliminated to keep costs within planned resources. Although the Governor did not add back the Board's Licensing Specialist position in a package as part of the Governor's recommended budget due to the Board's ongoing discussions with stakeholders regarding a fee increase, the Governor strongly supports the consumer protection aspects of the Board. A license fee increase to restore and reclassify the Licensing Specialist position is something the Governor would support if the necessary outreach is done with all concerned stakeholders.

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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 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.

The Board's current fee structure will not generate enough revenue to maintain the agency's current operations and a prudent ending balance. While the Governor's recommended budget does not currently include a fee increase for this agency, the Board is encouraged to work with its stakeholders to develop a revenue proposal that will restore current operations. The Governor's recommended budget leaves the Board with \$85,990, or about 2 months, ending cash balance for 2007-09.

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BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	299,667	382,260	400,576
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$299,667	\$382,260	\$400,576
Positions	2	2	2
Full-time Equivalent	1.75	2.00	2.00

Overview

The Board of Naturopathic Examiners examine, license, and discipline naturopathic physicians, including certifying those practitioners qualified to perform natural childbirth. Renewals for licensure require continuing education hours that must be reviewed and approved throughout the year. The Board also works to increase consumer awareness and encourage a higher level of professional education for licensees. The Board has approximately 650 licensees.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget of \$400,576 Other Funds is 4.8 percent over the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds existing operations with an increase allowed for an upward reclassification of one support position because of increased job duties.

Revenue

The Board of Naturopathic Examiners is supported solely by Other Funds generated through fees for examination, initial licenses, license renewals, and miscellaneous service fees. The ending balance in the Governor's recommended budget is \$265,497 Other Funds which is equivalent to over 16 months of operating expenses. Due to the limited nature of this Board's budget, the recommended ending balance is prudent since one or two contested cases could quickly place the Board in financial difficulties without adequate reserves.

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	180,729	201,982	223,518
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$180,729	\$201,982	\$223,518
Positions	1	1	1
Full-time Equivalent	1.00	1.00	1.00

Overview

The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators protects the public by ensuring that nursing home administrators meet and maintain certain standards for practice. The Board establishes education, training, examination, licensing and renewal requirements, reviews and investigates complaints, and determines proper disciplinary actions if necessary. There are 359 licensed administrators with 160 active licensees and 199 inactive licensees.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget of \$223,518 is a 10.7 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds existing operations with no enhancements.

Revenue

The Board is entirely funded with Other Fund revenues in the form of fees for examinations, re-examinations, original licenses, renewal licenses, endorsement fees, and provisional licenses. The Governor's recommended budget would leave the Board with \$66,013 Other Funds ending balance or over seven months of operational expenses. Due to the limited nature of this Board's budget, the recommended ending balance is prudent since one or two contested cases could bankrupt the Board without adequate reserves.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	200,096	269,139	290,133
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$200,096	\$269,139	\$290,133
Positions	1	1	1
Full-time Equivalent	1.25	1.25	1.25

Overview

The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board was created to protect the public by assuring the safe and ethical delivery of occupational therapy services. These services are critical to patients recovering from injury or illness who need to adjust to new living situations. The Board has approximately 2,400 licensees and issues licenses to qualified applicants, renews licenses, and verifies continuing education every other year. In addition, the Board receives complaints and investigates their validity and takes appropriate disciplinary action if necessary.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$290,133 Other Funds, which is a 7.8 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The budget funds existing operations with no enhancements.

Revenue

The Board is solely supported by Other Fund revenues from initial licenses, renewals, and miscellaneous fees. The Governor's recommended budget would leave the Board with an ending balance of \$331,005 Other Funds which is equivalent to over 27 months operating expenses. The high ending balance is the result of savings associated with the retirement of the former Executive Director and slightly delayed recruitment of the new Executive Director. Additional savings were found by the new director's initial and conservative spending strategy during her first year of employment. With the implementation of a new approach to complaint investigations, spending should return to historical levels during the 2005-07 biennium.

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BOARD OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	384,518	467,148	529,670
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$384,518	\$467,148	\$529,670
Positions	4	3	3
Full-time Equivalent	2.65	3.00	3.00

Overview

The Board of Radiologic Technology regulates the use of ionizing radiation on human beings, including diagnostic radiography (X-rays) and radiation therapy. The Board consists of four diagnostic radiologic technologists, one radiation therapist, one radiologist (M.D.), and one public member. The Board actively licenses approximately 3,488 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologists, 101 Radiation Therapists, and 148 combination licensures of both Diagnostic and Therapeutic. The Board also licenses approximately 1,318 Permanent Limited Permits Holders (a limited scope of radiology).

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$529,670 Other Funds, which is 13.4 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The Recommended budget funds existing operations with increases allowed for two additional Board members, reclassifying upward one support staff position and funding for office expenses and IT professional services to help the Board modernize.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Funds, supported by fees paid for professional licenses, examinations, and miscellaneous revenue. The ending balance in the Governor's recommended budget is \$117,364 Other Funds which is equivalent to over five months of operating expenses.

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	163,379	234,753	273,732
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$163,379	\$234,753	\$273,732
Positions	2	2	2
Full-time Equivalent	0.85	1.40	1.40

Overview

The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology protects the public by licensing and regulating the performance of speech-language pathologists and audiologists through establishing and maintaining standards of practice and disciplining those who violate the Board's rules and statutes. In 2004, the Board licensed 908 Speech-Language Pathologist, 184 Audiologists and 97 Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget of \$273,732 Other Funds is a 16.6 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds existing operations with no enhancements.

Revenue

The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is supported solely by Other Funds generated through fees for examination, initial licenses, license renewals, and miscellaneous service fees. The ending balance in the Governor's recommended budget is \$104,874 Other Funds which is equivalent to over nine months of operating expenses.

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VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	468,193	512,596	545,131
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$468,193	\$512,596	\$545,131
Positions	3	3	3
Full-time Equivalent	2.25	2.25	2.25

Overview

The Veterinary Medical Examining Board seeks to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers by setting and enforcing professional standards for veterinary health and medical services. This is done by mandating minimum qualifications for entry into the profession, providing parameters for the practice of veterinary medicine, and enforcing the law relating to such services. The Board currently licenses 1,726 veterinarians, 784 veterinary technicians, 145 euthanasia technicians, and 34 euthanasia facilities.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$545,131 Other Funds, which is 6.4 percent increase over the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds existing operations, with no enhancements.

Revenue

The Board is solely supported by Other Funds and is composed of application, examination, and license fees, with the remaining derived from assessed penalties and miscellaneous revenue. The ending balance in the Governor's recommended budget is \$381,503 Other Funds which is equivalent to 16 months of operating expenses. The Board will continue to implement a temporary fee decrease for Veterinary Technicians, Euthanasia Technicians, and Euthanasia Facilities during the 2007-09 biennium to decrease its ending cash balance.

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BUREAU OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$11,029,548	\$11,320,999	\$12,592,154
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	4,376,519	5,528,430	6,390,413
Federal Funds	1,112,723	1,352,321	1,520,108
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	2,454,946	2,268,160	2,338,473
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$18,973,736	\$20,469,910	\$22,841,148
Positions	110	110	111
Full-time Equivalent	106.26	108.00	110.50

Overview

The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI):

- Promotes the development of a highly skilled, competitive workforce in Oregon through partnerships with government, labor, business, and education.
- Protects the rights of workers and citizens to equal, nondiscriminatory treatment.
- Encourages and enforces compliance with state laws relating to wages, hours, terms, and conditions of employment.
- Advocates policies that balance the demands of the workplace and employers with the protections of workers and their families.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$22.8 million total funds. This is 11.6 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget continues all existing programs, and adds two Compliance Specialist positions to the Wage and Hour Division and one Apprenticeship Representative position to the Apprenticeship and Training Division. The workload in both Divisions has increased steadily and the addition of the three positions will help manage the growing caseload.

Revenue

BOLI is funded mainly with General Fund. BOLI receives Federal Funds through a contract with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for jointly filed civil rights complaint investigations. BOLI receives Other Funds from the following sources: revenues from technical assistance services to support

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the Technical Assistance for Employers unit, the Wage Security Fund, the prevailing wage rate contract fees, licensing fees for farm and forest labor contractors, Workers Benefit Fund, and contracts with local and state governments.

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	6,315,094	7,054,369	8,691,966
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$6,315,094	\$7,054,369	\$8,691,966
Positions	34	36	37
Full-time Equivalent	32.60	34.30	35.30

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, acupuncturists, and physician assistants.

The Board also manages a diversion program to assist licensees with substance abuse problems. In 2007-09, the agency will seek to expand this program to include licensees with mental health conditions. The program is designed to encourage licensees to seek help in the early stages of the disease. It is funded with a portion of each license renewal fee.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$8.7 million Other Funds, which is about 23 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget continues all programs. It adds one position to manage criminal background checks and adds one position for growth in the licensing program.

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 recommended budget would leave the Board with \$3,928,219 of ending cash balance for 2007-09, which is enough to cover operations for about 11 months. 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.

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OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	7,091,311	9,405,198	9,756,845
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$7,091,311	\$9,405,198	\$9,756,845
Positions	43	45	44
Full-time Equivalent	42.00	44.25	41.75

Overview

The Oregon Board of Nursing protects the public's health, safety, and well-being through the regulation of nursing practice and nursing education. The Board actively licenses approximately 38,400 Registered Nurses (RN), 4,000 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), 1,950 Nurse Practitioners, 400 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and 140 Clinical Nurse Specialists. The Board also actively certifies 18,267 Certified Nursing Assistants, 1,368 of which are also Certified Medication Aides.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget of nearly \$9.8 million total funds is a 3.7 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget maintains essential services with a few enhancements. It adds three positions - one investigator, one support staff and one program coordinator - to help decrease a significant case backlog.

Revenue

The Board is requesting the establishment of a fee of \$20 for Registered Nurses and Licensed Nurse Practitioners, which will cover the cost of the three new positions. Otherwise, the Board will cover all of the remaining service enhancements within its existing fee structure.

The recommended budget leaves the Board with an Other Funds ending balance of \$671,831. This is one and a half months of average operational expenses.

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OREGON BOARD OF PHARMACY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	2,977,555	3,604,033	4,134,117
Federal Funds	0	50,000	340,000
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$2,977,555	\$3,654,033	\$4,474,117
Positions	16	18	22
Full-time Equivalent	16.50	17.50	20.50

Overview

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy promotes, preserves, and protects the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing high standards in the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of drugs in Oregon. The Board licenses and regulates approximately 17,000 county health clinics, manufactures, wholesalers, pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacist interns and technicians, controlled substances, student health centers, and hospital drug rooms, among a variety of other drug related occupations and facilities.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$4.5 million total funds which is a 22.5 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. This budget includes \$4.1 million of Other Funds, which represents a 14.7 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The remaining \$340,000 represents Federal Funds from a grant the Board received to study and implement a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The recommended budget funds existing operations with the addition of two half-time support positions, four upward reclassifications due to increased job duties and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Revenue

The Board is primarily funded with Other Funds, supported by fees paid for professional licenses, civil penalties, inspection fees, delinquent fees, and miscellaneous revenue. The Other Funds ending balance in the Governor's recommended budget is \$988,770 Other Funds, which is equivalent to over five months of operating expenses. The Board is going through some significant growth due to a variety of high

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profile issues. Thus a healthy ending balance should be considered prudent to ensure that the Board will be able to meet the demands of its various stakeholders.

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BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	572,351	701,432	864,027
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$572,351	\$701,432	\$864,027
Positions	4	3	3
Full-time Equivalent	3.00	3.00	3.00

Overview

The Board of Psychologist Examiners is responsible for ensuring the competence and ethical practice of psychologists practicing in Oregon. It ensures the character and fitness of applicants through examination, educational review, and ensures ongoing competence through continuing education. It provides sanctions against those psychologists who violate the Board's rules and standards of professional conduct.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$864,027, which is approximately 23.2 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget funds the existing program and adds resources for legal fees related to contested cases and implementation of licensee criminal background checks.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Fund revenues from fees paid for applications, examinations, and licenses. It also collects fines and penalties assessed for violations of statute or rule. The Governor's recommended budget leaves the Board with a 2007-09 ending cash balance of \$351,241, or almost 10 months of average operating expenses. The majority of the Board's income is collected in December, necessitating a higher than average ending balance. The Board has a temporary increase in revenues due to a biennial license renewal transition. The board is proposing a new fee for the background check program. The new fee includes no processing fees and will pass-through to the Oregon State Police for the cost of the criminal background check.

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	30,836,125	33,925,143	36,483,061
Federal Funds	292,416	419,103	468,265
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	103,812,706	108,020,000	108,027,751
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$134,941,247	\$142,364,246	\$144,979,077
Positions	125	125	125
Full-time Equivalent	123.56	124.00	123.50

Overview

The Public Utility Commission (PUC), consisting of a Chair and two members who are all appointed by the Governor, work to ensure that safe and reliable utility services are provided to consumers at just and reasonable rates through regulation and by promoting the development of competitive markets. It does this by regulating investor-owned electricity and natural gas companies, as well as certain telephone and water companies. The companies, under some form of Commission price, service quality, or safety regulation include:

- Three private electric utilities -- Portland General Electric (PGE), PacifiCorp, and Idaho Power Company -- serving more than 1.2 million Oregon households and businesses;
- Three natural gas utilities -- Northwest Natural, Avista Utilities, and Cascade Natural Gas -- serving more than 600,000 Oregon homes and businesses;
- Four large private telecommunication utilities -- Qwest, Verizon, CenturyTel, and United Telephone of the Northwest (dba EMBARQ) -- and 18 small private companies and 11 cooperative companies providing about 89 percent of Oregon's telephone lines;
- More than 400 competitive telecommunications carriers providing about 11 percent of Oregon's telephone lines;
- Seventy-two water utilities serving 21,000 customers.

The PUC also administers four Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) programs which ensure that adequate and affordable residential telecommunications services are available for all Oregonians. These programs include services for the hearing and speech-impaired, and low-income individuals.

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Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget for the PUC is about \$145 million total funds. This is about 2.0 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget enables the agency to maintain its existing level of service.

Revenue

The majority of the agency's operating revenues come from fees paid by investor-owned utilities. To cover the cost of utility regulation, the PUC can collect up to 0.25 percent of the gross operating revenues of natural gas and water utilities; up to 0.25 percent of the gross retail intrastate revenues of telecommunications providers; and up to 0.018 cents per kilowatt-hour sold by electric utilities. The recommended budget assumes passage of a legislative concept which would return the electric utilities to fees based upon 0.25 percent of gross revenue received. This change is consistent with other regulated industries that pay fees to the agency. The recommended budget also assumes passage of another legislative concept which would allow the agency to assess telecommunication cooperatives, consumer-owned utilities, and cable organizations a gross revenue fee. The agency estimates that it will collect \$25.5 million (limited) from public utilities fees in 2007-09.

Another major source of revenue is in the Residential Service Protection Fund program. In 2007-09 it is estimated that \$9.5 million will be collected from telephone service end users in the form of a surcharge (approximately \$0.08) on each telephone line per month.

The Governor's recommended budget would leave the agency with \$17.8 million Other Funds (limited), equivalent to about 12 months of operating expenses in ending cash balance for 2007-09.

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REAL ESTATE AGENCY

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	6,162,766	3,874,655	8,322,612
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$6,162,766	\$3,874,655	\$8,322,612
Positions	30	30	36
Full-time Equivalent	29.63	18.52	36.00

Overview

The Real Estate Agency's mission is to provide quality protection for consumers of real estate, escrow, and land development services, balanced with a professional environment conducive to a healthy real estate market. The Real Estate Agency licenses and regulates almost 26,000 real estate brokers, salespersons and property managers. The Agency also staffs the Real Estate Board, which advises the Governor and the Real Estate Commissioner on concerns of the real estate industry.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$8.3 million Other Funds. This is a 115 percent increase from the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget, a budget that represents only 15 months of operating expenses. The recommended budget expands services for a growing real estate industry. Six positions are added; one each in licensing renewals and land development filings, two for compliance reviews, and two for education and ombudsman capacity. The budget also adds resources to streamline internet-based services.

Revenue

The Agency is funded entirely with Other Fund revenues generated by licensing, registration, auditing, examination, publication, and seminar fees. Total collections are anticipated at approximately \$7.4 million, leaving an ending balance of about \$4.1 million, which is enough to cover operating expenses for about twelve months. All fines imposed by the Agency are transferred to the statewide General Fund. The Agency anticipates transferring \$245,346 in fines during the 2007-09 biennium to the General Fund.

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STATE BOARD OF TAX PRACTITIONERS

	2003-05 Actuals	2005-07 Legislatively Approved	2007-09 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	782,394	913,035	1,075,985
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$782,394	\$913,035	\$1,075,985
Positions	4	4	5
Full-time Equivalent	4.00	4.00	5.00

Overview

The State Board of Tax Practitioners is a consumer protection agency that regulates providers of tax services. It works to ensure that services are provided in a competent and ethical manner. The Board oversees people who are paid to prepare, advise, or assist in preparing personal income tax returns. The agency creates and grades examinations to ensure applicants for licensure meet the minimum qualifications. It issues preparer and consultant licenses which are renewed on an annual basis upon completion of minimum requirements established by the agency. The Board reviews and investigates complaints about tax preparers and any possible unlicensed activity in Oregon.

Recommended Budget

The Governor's recommended budget is \$1.1 million Other Funds. This is about 18 percent higher than the 2005-07 Legislatively Approved Budget. The recommended budget continues all programs and supports the growth in licensing with a new clerical position. It funds computer lifecycle replacement and a database upgrade to integrate the investigation and disciplinary programs.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Fund revenues. The primary sources of revenue are licensing, business registration, and exam fees. The board has proposed increasing most fees from five to twenty dollars per fee. With the fee increases the Governor's recommended budget would leave the Board with a 2007-09 ending balance of \$278,712. This balance is equivalent to six months of operating expenditures.