

- 6,382 licensees in FY 2002

## Respiratory Care Board

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### ROLE

The Ohio Respiratory Care Board was established in 1989 by Sub. S.B. 300 of the 118th General Assembly. The Board regulates the practice of respiratory care by licensing properly qualified individuals, acting on complaints filed with the Board, and monitoring continuing education requirements. The Board's fundamental mission is to efficiently provide services to both the public and the Board's licensees while ensuring public safety. The Board annually investigates all alleged complaints of the respiratory care law and conducts over 300 random continuing education audits.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
9	\$318,000	\$315,000	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

### OVERVIEW

The Respiratory Care Board is appropriated \$318,499 in FY 2004. This represents an increase of 7.8% over FY 2003 expenditures. For FY 2005, the Board is appropriated \$315,481, a 1% decrease from FY 2004. The appropriation will enable the Board to maintain its current level of service and will cover increased administrative fees. The appropriations include funding for reclassifying a part-time Office Assistant I to a part-time Office Assistant III. Class specifications of a part-time Office Assistant I do not support data entry and decision-making responsibilities. Reclassifying the part-time Office Assistant I will allow the staff person to perform the data entry and management functions of the new computer licensing system.


### BUDGET ISSUES

#### *NEW LICENSING SYSTEM*

The occupational licensing boards, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), are working to implement a new licensing system. The system will be phased in over the current biennium and each board will pay its share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. The system will allow respiratory care professionals to renew their licenses on-line and will integrate all aspects of the Respiratory Care Board's operations including revenue collection, license tracking, renewals, complaints, and disciplinary compliance.

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***INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE FEES***

During the previous biennium, occupational licensing boards had to absorb increased administrative costs charged by other state agencies. Many boards contracted for services that were once provided for free such as lock-box services and computer technical support. The Board's appropriations in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 will cover these increased costs. The Board estimates that increased administrative fees cost the Board approximately \$13,000 in FY 2002 for DAS Central Service Agency fees, computer technical support, license renewal banking and revenue processing fees, and risk management fees to administer the Board's public employee fidelity bond in the previous biennium. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

<b>Line Item Detail by Agency</b>	<b>FY 2001:</b>	<b>FY 2002:</b>	<b>FY 2003:</b>	<b>FY 2004 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2003 to 2004:</b>	<b>FY 2005 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2004 to 2005:</b>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>RCB Respiratory Care Board</b>							
4K9 872-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 253,304	\$ 272,625	\$295,604	\$ 318,499	7.75%	\$ 315,481	-0.95%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 253,304</b>	<b>\$ 272,625</b>	<b>\$ 295,604</b>	<b>\$ 318,499</b>	<b>7.75%</b>	<b>\$ 315,481</b>	<b>-0.95%</b>
<b>Respiratory Care Board Total</b>	<b>\$ 253,304</b>	<b>\$ 272,625</b>	<b>\$ 295,604</b>	<b>\$ 318,499</b>	<b>7.75%</b>	<b>\$ 315,481</b>	<b>-0.95%</b>