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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio State Dental Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio State Dental Board licenses about 38,000 dentists, dental hygienists, and related professions with a current staff of 12.
- The Board is governed by 13 members appointed by the Governor.
- As a regulatory agency, the Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- Appropriations total approximately \$3.5 million over the biennium.

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 880609, Operating Expenses					
\$1,597,994	\$1,526,234	\$1,530,352	\$1,714,898	\$1,700,000	\$1,750,000
% change	-4.5%	0.3%	12.1%	-0.9%	2.9%

Agency overview

The State Dental Board was established in 1892. The Board issues licenses to dentists and dental hygienists and assistants. The Board also issues a variety of certificates and permits related to the practice of dentistry. The Board sets standards for training, ethics, and the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. The Board investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among its licensees and certificate holders.

The Board’s governing authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor, including nine dentists, three dental hygienists, and one public member. The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director who is appointed by the 13-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board currently has 12 employees.

Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget

The Board’s operations are funded by a single line item appropriation from the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. Through this one line item, the Board pays all of its expenses. The budget provides \$1.7 million in FY 2022, a 0.9% decrease from FY 2021 expenditures and approximately \$1.8 million in FY 2023, a 2.9% increase over FY 2022. Personal services is the biggest expense category for the Board, as it is for most regulatory agencies.

Licenses and fees

The Board issues several types of licenses and certificates. The table below shows the current fees for licenses and certificates. In addition to those shown in the table, the Board issues several types of limited licenses and licenses for graduates of unaccredited dental colleges

located outside the United States. Licenses issued by the Board are required to be renewed biennially.

License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Dentists	
Initial License (odd-numbered years)	\$267
Initial License (even-numbered years)	\$454
License Renewal	\$312
General Anesthesia Permit*	\$127
Conscious Sedation Permit*	\$127
Oral Health Access Supervision Permit**	\$25
Limited Resident License	\$13
Limited Teaching License	\$127
Temporary Limited Continuing Education License	\$127
Renewal of Temporary Limited Continuing Education	\$94
Teledentistry Permit**	\$20
Dental Hygienists	
Initial License (odd-numbered years)	\$120
Initial License (even-numbered years)	\$184
License Renewal	\$144
Oral Health Access Supervision Permit**	\$25
Teacher's Certificate	\$73
Dental Assistant Radiographers**	\$32
Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary**	\$25
Coronal Polishing Certificate***	\$19

*These permits and certificates are renewed biennially; there is no fee for renewal.

**Initial and renewal fees are the same.

***This certificate is issued once and never expires.

A portion of licensure fee revenue received from dentists is transferred to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for the Dentist Loan Repayment Fund. For initial licenses issued in even-numbered years and renewals, \$40 is transferred, and for licenses issued in odd-numbered years, \$20 is transferred. The Dentist Loan Repayment Program, administered by ODH, reimburses dental students for all or part of tuition, room and board, and other educational expenses. In order to participate, students must go through an application process and agree to provide services in dental health resource shortage areas upon graduation from an accredited

dental college. There is a similar program for dental hygienists. Of the license renewal fees for dental hygienists, \$10 is transferred to ODH for the Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program.

The remainder of the fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) to support the Board's operating costs. Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the State Dental Board, use the fund as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generating enough revenue to cover its expenses.