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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Board of Nursing

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Quick look...

- The Board of Nursing (NUR) licenses or certifies over 340,000 professionals, including registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides.
- The Board’s authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- The budget extends the Nurse Education Grant Program through December 31, 2033.
- The budget also establishes the Doula Advisory Board within NUR and requires NUR to establish procedures to issue certificates to doulas.

Fund Group	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Dedicated Purpose Total	\$12,951,911	\$13,154,655	\$14,559,156	\$13,927,156
% change	--	1.6%	10.7%	-4.3%

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

The budget appropriates \$14.6 million in FY 2024 and \$13.9 million in FY 2025 across all appropriation items. The Ohio Board of Nursing’s (NUR) budget consists of three appropriation items, all supported by dedicated purpose funds (DPF).

H.B. 33 also makes several changes to continuing law provisions, including the following that will affect current practices of the Board:

- Extends the expiration date for the Nurse Education Grant Program from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2033;
- Regarding doula registry and advisory board:
 - Requires NUR to establish standards and procedures for issuing certificates to doulas and outlines requirements that should be addressed in rule, including the establishment of certificate application and renewal fees and a waiver of those fees for applicants with a family income below 200% of the federal poverty level;
 - Requires NUR to develop and regularly update a registry of doulas, which is to be made available on NUR’s website;
 - Establishes the Doula Advisory Board within NUR;

- Specifies that the Doula Advisory Board consists of between 13 to 15 members appointed by NUR; and
- Requires NUR to provide meeting space, staff, and other technical assistance required for the Doula Advisory Board to carry out its duties.

Licenses and fees

Licensing fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the Nursing Board, use Fund 4K90 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. The fees for the Board's licenses are included in the table below. The Board is on a biennial license schedule.

NUR License Fees by Type		
License Type	Initial	Renewal
Registered Nurse	\$75	\$65
Multistate License	\$100	\$75
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$75	\$65
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	\$150	\$135
Certified Dialysis Technician	\$35	\$35
Community Health Worker	\$35	\$35
Medication Aide	\$50	\$50

The Multistate License (MSL) is issued under the Nurse Licensure Compact agreement, which allows a nurse to practice as a registered or licensed practical nurse in other Compact states without additional licensure.

Funding for operating expenses

The Board's operating expenses are funded by three appropriation items, which are discussed below.

Operating Expenses (ALI 884609)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 884609, Operating Expenses					
\$10,211,372	\$10,123,599	\$11,438,411	\$11,641,655	\$13,045,656	\$13,032,656
% change	-0.9%	13.0%	1.8%	12.1%	-0.1%

This line item is used to pay for most of the Board's operating expenses. To meet its regulatory responsibilities, the Board issues and renews licenses and certificates to those who meet the requirements to practice; approves pre-licensure education programs for nurses and training programs for dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides; establishes regulatory and practice standards for all of those it licenses and certifies; establishes and interprets scopes of practice; investigates complaints; and when necessary, disciplines and monitors the practice of those who violate the laws and rules.

Nurse Education Grant Program (ALI 884602)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Fund 5AC0 ALI 884602, Nurse Education Grant Program					
\$1,513,000	\$1,513,000	\$1,513,000	\$1,513,000	\$1,513,000	\$894,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-40.9%

This line item is used to support the Nurse Education Grant Program. The Nurse Education Grant Program provides grants to Ohio nurse education programs that have partnerships with health care facilities, community health agencies, patient centered medical homes, or other education programs to establish partnerships that will increase the enrollment capacity of the nurse education programs. Grants are awarded to pre-licensure programs for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) as well as post-graduate programs. Each quarter, the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) transfers \$10 from each nurse license renewal from Fund 4K90 to the Nurse Education Grant Program Fund (Fund 5AC0).

Nursing Special Issues (ALI 884601)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Fund 5P80 ALI 884601, Nursing Special Issues					
\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
% change	-100.0%	N/A	-100%	N/A	0.0%

The Board will use this appropriation to support activities that address patient safety and health care issues related to the supply and demand for nurses and other health care workers. The fund that supports this line item accepts grants and gifts to help fund programs.