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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Architects Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Architects Board and Ohio Landscape Architects Board are responsible for the regulation of the practices of architecture and landscape architecture, respectively, in the state of Ohio; together they license more than 9,000 individuals and firms.
- The two boards operate under a combined budget, utilizing the same staff and shared facilities.
- The boards are funded through licensing fees and receive no money from the GRF.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 891609, Operating					
\$665,847	\$618,890	\$611,451	\$594,879	\$674,000	\$690,001
% change	-7.1%	-1.2%	-2.7%	13.3%	2.4%

Agency overview

The Ohio Architects Board and the Ohio Landscape Architects Board are two boards that operate under a combined budget and share staff and facilities. In FY 2024, the two boards licensed a total of 9,367 individuals and firms, including 6,734 architects, 1,793 architecture firms, 674 landscape architects, and 166 landscape architecture firms.

Each board consists of five members appointed by the Governor. For the Architects Board, four members must be architects who have been in active practice in Ohio for at least five years and one member of the public who is not an architect. For the Landscape Architects Board, three members must be landscape architects registered with the state for at least five years, one must be a licensed design professional, and one must represent the public. Each board member is entitled to receive compensation and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in attendance at meetings, in conducting examinations, or in the performance of official duties. A staff of four employees, led by an executive director, handles the day-to-day operations of both boards.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

Relative to the boards' expenditures for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, the budget increases their combined FY 2026-FY 2027 appropriation by \$157,671 (13.1%). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the Ohio Architects Board and the Ohio Landscape Architects 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., generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. The following table shows the boards' combined revenue and expenditure history from FY 2020 to FY 2025.

Revenues and Expenditures, FY 2020-FY 2025						
Category	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Revenue	\$1,000,491	\$404,108	\$1,140,361	\$416,535	\$1,125,876	\$407,955
Expenses	\$598,865	\$579,545	\$665,847	\$618,890	\$611,451	\$594,879
Net	\$401,626	-\$175,437	\$474,514	-\$202,355	\$514,425	-\$186,924