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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Cosmetology and Barber Board

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Quick look...

- The Cosmetology and Barber Board (COS) licenses approximately 146,000 individuals, businesses, and beauty and barbering schools. Licenses are renewed biennially in odd-numbered fiscal years.
- The Board is governed by 13 members appointed by the Governor. Daily operations are overseen by an executive director.
- The Board employs a staff of 41, including inspection staff, management and administrative positions, examination schedulers and examiners, customer service personnel, licensing staff, administrative action staff, and staff for continuing education.
- The Board receives no money from the GRF; it is entirely supported by licensing fees and related revenues. The budget provides funding of \$5.5 million in FY 2026 and \$5.8 million in FY 2027.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
State Board of Cosmetology – Fund 4K90 ALI 879609, Operating Expenses					
\$5,451,553	\$5,526,653	\$5,139,619	\$5,283,834	\$5,523,412	\$5,841,066
% change	1.4%	-7.0%	2.8%	4.5%	5.8%

Agency overview

The State Cosmetology and Barber Board (COS), headquartered in Grove City, is responsible for establishing and maintaining sanitary and professional standards in beauty salons. It licenses individuals who provide cosmetology services and related services such as manicuring, esthetics, hair design, natural hair styling, as well as cosmetology schools. In addition, COS oversees the indoor tanning industry through regulation of ultraviolet radiation devices. The Board is also responsible for regulating barbers, barbershops, and barber schools. The total number of licenses overseen in FY 2024 was nearly 146,000. COS employs a staff of 41.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Board is funded entirely by licensing fees and other revenues it collects and deposits into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). As shown in the table above, funding for Board operations is \$5.5 million in FY 2026, about 4.5% more than FY 2025 spending of \$5.3 million. The FY 2027 appropriation is \$5.8 million, 5.8% greater than the FY 2026 amount.