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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

**State Board of Registration for
Professional Engineers and Surveyors**

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State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors

Quick look...

- The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, established in 1933, regulates the professions of engineering and surveying in the state of Ohio.
- In FY 2024, the Board licensed nearly 31,000 individuals and firms.
- Licensing and application fees support the Board's operations; it receives no GRF funding.

| FY 2022 Actual | FY 2023 Actual | FY 2024 Actual | FY 2025 Actual | FY 2026 Appropriation | FY 2027 Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fund 4K90 ALI 892609, Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| \$1,113,152 | \$1,092,415 | \$1,100,250 | \$1,142,740 | \$1,378,866 | \$1,465,930 |
| % change | -1.9% | 0.7% | 3.9% | 20.7% | 6.3% |

Agency overview

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, established in 1933, regulates the professions of engineering and surveying in the state of Ohio. In FY 2024, the Board oversaw 30,811 active licenses, which consisted of 26,210 professional engineers, 3,027 engineering and surveying firms, and 1,574 professional surveyors. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor, including four professional engineers (two of whom are also professional surveyors) and one professional surveyor. A staff of eight full-time employees, including an executive director, handle day-to-day operations.

The Board is entirely supported by licensing fees credited to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90), which is used by many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions 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.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

Relative to the Board's expenditures for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, the budget increases its FY 2026-FY 2027 appropriation by \$601,806 (26.8%). The increased appropriation is expected to help support anticipated increases in bargaining agreement payroll adjustments and general operational expenses.

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board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. As seen in the table below, which shows the Board's revenue and expenditure history from FY 2020 to FY 2025, the Board currently brings in enough revenue over the course of the biennium to support its increased appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

| Revenues and Expenditures, FY 2020-FY 2025 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Category | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| Revenue | \$1,684,432 | \$608,395 | \$1,819,121 | \$755,568 | \$1,946,267 | \$869,673 |
| Expenses | \$1,049,946 | \$996,082 | \$1,113,152 | \$1,092,415 | \$1,100,250 | \$1,142,740 |
| Net | \$634,486 | -\$387,687 | \$705,969 | -\$336,847 | \$846,017 | -\$273,067 |