

# Redbook

## LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

### Ohio State Chiropractic Board

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### Quick look...

- The Ohio State Chiropractic Board licenses over 2,500 chiropractors and about 200 acupuncture certificate holders.
- The Board is governed by five 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.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
<b>Fund 4K90 ALI 878609, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$616,818	\$451,463	\$547,747	\$593,868	\$625,713	\$639,017
% change	-26.8%	21.3%	8.4%	5.4%	2.1%

### Agency overview

The Ohio State Chiropractic Board was established in 1975. The Board issues licenses for chiropractors, sets the standards of practice, investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees, among other things. The Board also issues acupuncture certificates to qualified chiropractors. Additionally, the Board also registers animal chiropractic practitioners and is required to maintain a list of these practitioners, which is to be made available to the public.

The Board’s governing authority consists of five members appointed by the Governor, including four chiropractors and one public member. Members are appointed for four-year terms and may serve two full terms. In addition to reimbursement for necessary expenses, Board members receive compensation for the performance of official board business.

The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director who is appointed by the five-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board has four full-time employees.<sup>1</sup> The Board receives no GRF moneys; it is entirely supported by fees.

### Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

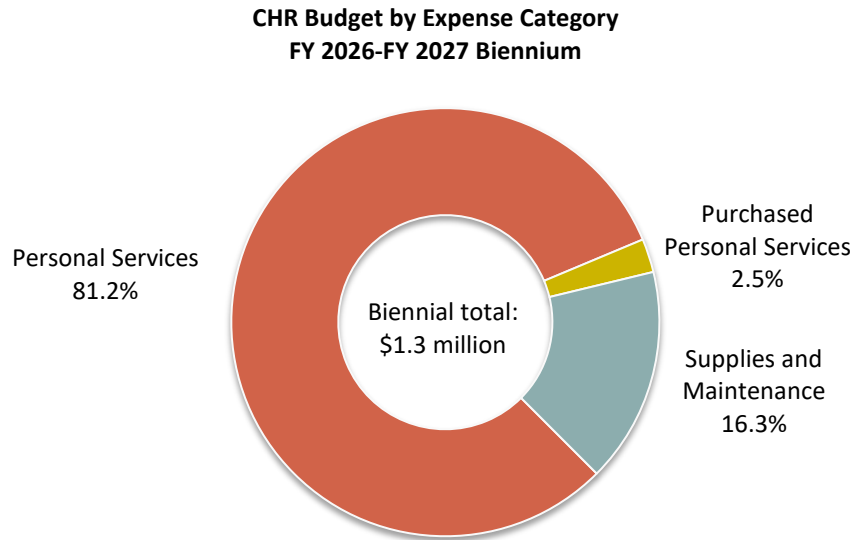
The Board’s operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 item 878609, Operating Expenses. The executive budget recommends \$625,713 in FY 2026, an increase of 5.4% from FY 2025 estimated expenditures, and \$639,017 in FY 2027, an increase of 2.1% over FY 2026.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the DataOhio portal.

## Executive recommendations by expense category

As a regulatory agency, personal services is the largest expense category for the Board. As seen in the chart below, 81.2% of the executive budget recommendations for the biennium are for personal services, 16.3% for supplies and maintenance, and 2.5% for purchased personal services.



## Operating revenues and expenses

All of the Board’s revenue comes from fees. 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 State Chiropractic 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.

Table 1 shows the Board’s annual revenue and expenditures from FY 2019 through FY 2024 as well as the net of revenue less expenditures. As seen from the table, revenue is substantially higher in even-numbered years due to the biennial renewal schedule.

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Revenue	\$43,125	\$1,071,165	\$175,835	\$1,376,155	\$54,205	\$1,322,485
Expenses	\$550,092	\$552,133	\$546,885	\$616,818	\$451,463	\$547,747
Net	-\$506,967	\$519,032	-\$371,050	\$759,337	-\$397,258	\$774,738

The Board issues chiropractic licenses and acupuncture certificates for chiropractors. The Board also approves preceptorships. The preceptorship is a clinical program in which chiropractic

students participate under the direct supervision of an Ohio licensed chiropractic physician (a preceptor). Table 2 shows the current fee amounts for each type of license.

License Type	Fee
Chiropractic License (Initial)	\$250
Chiropractic License (Renewal)	\$500
Preceptorship	\$75
Acupuncture Certificate (Initial)	\$100
Acupuncture Certificate (Renewal)	\$100

H.B. 151 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly established the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program. It required the Board to deposit \$25 of each renewal fee collected into the state treasury to the credit of the Chiropractic Loan Repayment Fund (Fund 5YS0). The program and Fund 5YS0 is to be administered by the Ohio Department of Health.

## Licenses and investigation and enforcement statistics

To carry out its regulatory responsibility, the Board establishes standards of practice and licenses chiropractors. The Board must ensure that each applicant meets certain educational and testing requirements to practice as a chiropractor in the state of Ohio. Table 3 shows the number of active licenses and certificates in FY 2022, FY 2023, and FY 2024.

License Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	Percent Change	FY 2024	Percent Change
Chiropractic Physician	2,505	2,619	4.6%	2,540	-3.0%
Acupuncture Certificate	169	180	6.5%	195	8.3%
Preceptorship	56	44	-21.4%	42	-4.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

## Investigation and enforcement

The Board's regulatory obligations also include investigating complaints about issues of incompetent, unethical, or impaired practitioners.

## Continuing education

The Board requires 36 hours of continuing education (CE) for chiropractic license renewal. Of these hours, 34 hours must be chiropractic-related hours and two hours must be Board-mandated CE. For chiropractors holding an acupuncture certificate the following is required: 22 chiropractic hours, 12 acupuncture hours, and two Board-mandated hours.