

BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

The Board of Licensed Social Workers works to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of social workers. The Board has authority over Clinical Social Work Associates (CSWA), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Registered Bachelors of Social Work (RBSW), and Licensed Masters of Social Work (LMSW).

BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS	2009-11 Actuals	2011-13 Leg. Approved	2013-15 Current Service Level	2013-15 Governor's Budget	2013-15 Co-Chairs' Budget (1.0)	% Change 2011-13 LAB to 2013-15 CSL
Other Funds	1,013,929	1,244,968	1,260,516	1,359,094	0	1.2%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,013,929	\$1,244,968	\$1,260,516	\$1,359,094	\$0	1.2%
Positions	5	6	5	6	0	-16.7%
FTE	4.18	5.45	5.00	6.00	0.00	-8.3%

Major Revenues	Budget Environment	Comparison by Fund Type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board derives 95% of its revenue through license fees charged to licensees. The Board has seen a roughly 23% increase in fee revenue since 2009-11. This is due in part to a fee increase in July of 2008 and SB 177 (2011) that allowed the Board to license additional certifications in the Social Work industry. The Board will not seek a fee increase in the 2013-15 biennium and appears to have an adequate ending balance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board anticipates a continued increase in the number of licensees and an increase in complaint investigations. The Board has seen a substantial increase in complaint investigations over the last four biennia and this is expected to continue. 	<p>The chart displays revenue in millions of dollars across four periods: 2009-11 (\$1.0M), 2011-13 (\$1.2M), 2013-15 CSL (\$1.3M), and 2013-15 GB (\$1.4M). The y-axis ranges from \$0.0 to \$1.6. The legend indicates that revenue is primarily from Other Funds, with a small portion from General Fund/Lottery and Federal Funds.</p>

MAJOR CHALLENGES AND DECISION POINTS

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Board is transitioning LCSW's from a yearly renewal period to a two year renewal cycle. This will align with the renewal cycle for the other licensee categories and is not expected to adversely affect the cash flow of the Board.2. The Board will be requesting an addition to the complaints investigation staff to keep up with the increase in complaint investigations.	
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