BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' mission is to protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers of veterinary services. The Board determines license qualifications and licenses veterinarians, veterinary technicians, euthanasia shelters, and euthanasia technicians; investigates consumer complaints and disciplines licensees found to being violation of the Veterinary Practice Act; conducts national board examinations for veterinary technicians; and monitors advances and changes in the profession to determine minimum practice standards to ensure ongoing public and animal health. The eight-member board is composed of six industry members and two public members and is appointed by the Governor.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS	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	\$548,262	\$701,629	\$754,252	\$743,308	\$0	7.5%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$548,262	\$701,629	\$754,252	\$743,308	\$0	7.5%
Positions	3	3	3	3	0	0.0%
FTE	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	0.00	0.0%

Major Revenues	Budget Environment	Comparison by Fund Type				
 The Board is funded entirely from Other Funds, primarily license, application, and examination fees. Fee increase proposed to raise annual vet license from \$100 to \$150 and vet tech from \$25 to \$30. Increase projected to generate additional \$243,000 per biennium. Previous fee increase was 1993. 	 3,200 active licensees renewed on an annual basis. Increase in enforcement workload as the number of complaints to the Board continues to rise. The Board has an estimated \$140,533 ending balance at current service level, which is approximately 4 months of operations. 	BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS				

MAJOR CHALLENGES AND DECISION POINTS

- 1. Proposed legislation (SB 302) would transfer the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to the Oregon Health Licensing Agency.
- 2. Oregon Veterinary Medical Association is proposing legislation that will give Board authority to license and inspect non-veterinarian owned facilities that provide veterinary medical care to the public.
- 3. Fee increase is needed to sustain board operations. CSL budget leaves Board with 4 month ending balance, however due to cash flows the Board requires around a 6-month ending balance. Current proposal would raise fee from \$100 to \$150 for vets and \$25 to \$30 for vet techs. Projected \$243,000 in revenue per biennium. With current proposed fee increase, the Board's ending balance is equivalent to approximately 12 months of operations. Previous fee increase was in 1993.
- 4. Policy package reductions in the GRB for statewide PERS Taxation and Other PERS adjustments totaling (\$10,481) Other Funds.
- 5. Policy package reductions in the GRB for statewide administrative savings totaling (\$463) Other Funds.