

<b>Dentistry Board</b>				
	<b>2011-13 Actuals</b>	<b>2013-15 Leg. Approved</b>	<b>2015-17 CSL LFO</b>	<b>2015-17 Governor's</b>
Other Funds	2,314,426	2,606,916	2,759,205	3,052,614
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2,314,426</b>	<b>2,606,916</b>	<b>2,759,205</b>	<b>3,052,614</b>
Positions	7	7	7	8
FTE	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00
*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2014				

***Program Description***

The Board of Dentistry regulates the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene through examination, licensing, and disciplinary programs. The Board also establishes standards for the administration of anesthesia in dental offices; determines dental procedures that may be delegated to dental assistants; and establishes standards for training and certification of dental assistants. The Board is 100% Other Funds, through revenue generated from application, renewal, and licensure fees.

***CSL Summary and Issues***

None

***Policy Issues***

The agency requests increasing Out-of-State Travel for national meetings (\$30,000 OF). In the past, national organizations have reimbursed the Board for travel expenses and per diem for staff and board members and the money was recorded as a return of expenses. DAS accounting has stated that since this is an ongoing expense and reimbursement, that it should be budgeted as a separate revenue and expense item rather than a return of expenses.

The agency requests \$273,481 Other Funds to hire an additional Dental Investigator (1.00 FTE). Previously the Board has hired independent contractor dental consultant investigators on a part-time basis to assist with investigation of dental cases. However, this process has been unable to keep up with volume and complexity of complaints. The average time of investigations has increased from 2 months to 10 months. The addition of a Dental Investigator position is expected to reduce the average time of investigations to around 3.5 months.

The agency requests a fee increase effective July 1, 2015. Dental License fees will be increased from \$315 to \$390 (+\$75) and Dental Hygiene License fees will be increased from \$155 to \$230 (+\$75). This amount of fee increase is necessary to fund the policy packages requested, but a fee increase is also necessary to fund continued operations of the agency at CSL. The level of the fee increase would be dependent on what, if any, packages were approved by the Legislature.

***Other Issues***

Analysis of the agency cash flow and projected ending balance indicate the need for a fee increase.

The agency has experience staff turnover, with the Executive Director recently resigning. The agency currently has an interim Executive Director.

***Co-Chair Working Budget***

The Co-Chair working budget did not provide specific detail on the agency budget.