

**HB 5023**

**Health-Related Licensing Boards**

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HB 5023 is the budget bill for six Health-Related Licensing Boards. These boards license and regulate mortuary and cemetery services, naturopathic physicians, occupational therapists, medical imaging technicians, speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and veterinary medical service providers. The boards are supported with Other Funds revenues from application, examination, and licensing fees.

The Subcommittee on Education approved a total Other Funds budget of \$5,394,894 and 22 positions (20.00 FTE). The budget is a 16.4% increase from the 2013-2015 legislatively approved budget.

The Subcommittee approved a reclassification and increase in FTE to an existing administrative position for both the Mortuary Board and Occupational Therapy Board; fingerprint-background checks for initial licensure for the Medical Imaging Board; a limited duration half-time investigator position for the Speech-Language Board; and establishment of a permanent investigator position and facility registration fee for the Veterinary Board contingent on passage of HB 2474.

Additionally, the Subcommittee approved the establishment of a shared permanent full-time accountant position to provide the accounting and budget functions for each of the six boards instead of utilizing DAS Shared Client Services.

The Subcommittee reviewed and approved the Key Performance Measures for each of the boards.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5023 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.