

Dentistry Board

	2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Legislatively Approved*	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Agency Request	2017-19 Governor's Recommended
Other Funds	2,650,838	3,045,511	3,302,643	3,415,058	3,331,212
Total Funds	\$2,650,838	\$3,045,511	\$3,302,643	\$3,415,058	\$3,331,212
Positions	7	8	8	8	8
FTE	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2016.

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

There are no significant issues regarding the Dentistry Board's current service level.

Policy Issues

The Board has a number of Policy Option Packages that were approved at the Governor's Recommended Budget.

POP 101 - agency requests \$8,000 Other Funds to provide contracted security at Board meetings, subcommittee meetings, and public rulemaking hearings.

POP 102 - agency requests \$20,000 Other Funds limitation to provide tablets for Board member materials rather than rely on binders of paper.

POP 103 - agency requests \$8,535 Other Funds limitation for additional Board meetings to look into patient safety initiatives related to anesthesia and sedation and dental implants. Estimates three additional meetings in the biennium during the Strategic Planning Sessions. As a result, this would be a one-time cost.

POP 104 - agency requests \$16,680 Other Funds limitation for increased Board member compensation. Board member compensation is set in statute and subject to change every October based on the standard per diem amounts authorized by the IRS.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The Board licenses about 3,700 dentists and 4,300 dental hygienists. New licensees and renewals continue to increase and have been on the rise since 2003. The 2015 Legislature approved a fee increase for the Board in HB 5014. Investigations opened has remained relatively stable the past three biennia at around 430 per biennia. The Board's ending balance at the Governor's Recommended budget is projected to be \$704,347 or approximately 5 months of operating costs.