

## Board of Naturopathic Medicine

	2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Legislatively Approved*	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Agency Request Budget	2017-2019 Governor's Recommended
Other Funds	641,218	733,930	751,080	837,226	783,643
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$641,218</b>	<b>\$733,930</b>	<b>\$751,080</b>	<b>\$837,226</b>	<b>\$783,643</b>
Positions	3	3	3	3	3
FTE	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00

\*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2016.

### Program Description

The Board of Naturopathic Examiners protects the public by improving the standards of care offered by licensed practitioners through ensuring competency in education, and enhancing communication with the profession and the public. The Board conducts examinations for applicants; issues licenses to practice naturopathic medicine; certifies special competency in natural childbirth; sets continuing education standards; and approves naturopathic schools or colleges offering four-year full-time residential programs. The Board also investigates complaints, administers discipline, and imposes civil penalties. The Board is 100% Other Funds, through revenue generated from application, licensure and certification fees.

### CSL Summary and Issues

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

### Policy Issues

Package 110 - agency requests \$67,467 Other Funds to increase an existing Investigator 2 position (0.50 FTE) to full-time (1.00 FTE).

### Other Significant Issues and Background

The Board licenses about 1,500 practitioners on an annual renewal. The individual licensee numbers have continued to increase with the growing popularity of naturopathic medicine as an option for patients. With the increase in licensees, the Board has seen an increase in the number of complaints and investigations, and is requesting additional investigative resources within a Policy Option Package (POP).

The HRLB boards now share an Accountant position to perform the budget and accounting functions rather than utilizing DAS Shared Financial Services. LFO will likely need to review the budgeted amounts and make adjustments to accurately reflect the most recent cost-allocation data for distribution of the Accountant position costs between the Boards. With the POP included, the Board's ending balance at the Governor's Budget is projected to be \$307,130 or approximately 9 months of operating costs.