

Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

	2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Legislatively Approved*	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Agency Request Budget	2017-2019 Governor's Recommended
Other Funds	366,776	474,187	509,134	545,775	492,431
Total Funds	\$366,776	\$474,187	\$509,134	\$545,775	\$492,431
Positions	2	2	2	2	2
FTE	1.25	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50

*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2016.

Program Description

The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board protects the public by supervising occupational therapy practice; and to assure safe and ethical delivery of occupational therapy services. The Board sets the standards of practice and examines applicants for licensure; issues licenses to qualified applicants; investigates complaints; and takes appropriate disciplinary action when necessary. The Board is 100% Other Funds, through revenue generated from license fees and other miscellaneous sources.

CSL Summary and Issues

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

Policy Issues

Package 130 - agency requests \$12,026 Other Funds for anticipated increased Attorney General fees.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The Board licenses about 2,400 practitioners on an even-year biennial renewal. The individual licensee numbers have continued to increase, and are expected to be over 2,500 in 2017-19. Investigations continue to increase as the licensee base increases. The Board anticipates legal fees will continue to grow as investigations increase and is requesting additional limitation for Attorney General costs.

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 \$163,774 or approximately 8 months of operating costs.