

## Oregon Board of Dentistry

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved *	2021-23 Current Service Level	2021-23 Governor's Budget
Other Funds	3,013,093	3,535,260	3,628,054	3,711,985	3,658,308
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>3,013,093</b>	<b>3,535,260</b>	<b>3,628,054</b>	<b>3,711,985</b>	<b>3,658,308</b>
Positions	8	8	8	8	8
FTE	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00

\* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through January 2021.

### Program Description

The mission of the Board of Dentistry (OBD) is to promote high-quality oral healthcare in Oregon by regulating dental professionals. The Board 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, and establishes standards for training and certification of dental assistants. The 10-member board is appointed by the Governor and composed of six dentists, two dental hygienists, and two public members.

### Policy Issues

HB 2528 would create a new dental therapist license type for OBD, and add a dental therapist licensee board member. Dental therapists are practitioners with a skill level generally between a dental hygienist and a dentist, and must practice under the supervision of a dentist. The creation of this license type is meant to help expand dental care to underserved populations. This concept was brought forward during the 2020 Legislative Session and has since been further refined by a legislative workgroup.

POP 100: The Database and Data Processing Project budget request will increase OBD's Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$85,146 to pay ongoing fees for their new application, licensing and investigation system, and for other increased IT expenses.

### *Pandemic*

The Board reports that a significant number of dentists may choose to retire early or not renew their licenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many licensees have closed their practices this year rather than work through the pandemic. A decrease in licensees will impact agency revenues.

### Key Performance Measures

A copy of the OBD Annual Performance Progress Report can be found on the LFO website:

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR\\_OBD%202020.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_OBD%202020.pdf)