Oregon Board of Dentistry

	2019-21 Actual	2021-23 Legislatively Adopted	2021-23 Legislatively Approved *	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Governor's Budget
Other Funds	3,270,097	3,768,719	3,859,254	4,142,862	4,172,739
Total Funds	3,270,097	3,768,719	3,859,254	4,142,862	4,172,739
Positions	8	8	8	8	8
FTE	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50

^{*} Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2022.

Program Description

The mission of the Oregon 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.

CSL Summary

The 2023-25 current service level (CSL) for OBD is \$4,142,862 Other Funds (8.00 FTE), which is 7.4% higher than the 2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget. This increase is primarily due to Personal Services and Services and Supplies expenditure increases.

Governor's Budget Summary

The 2023-25 Governor's budget for OBD is \$4,172,739 Other Funds and supports eight positions, (7.50 FTE), 8.1% higher than the 2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget. The Governor's budget includes a fee increase across all fee types, and includes the following policy option packages requested by the Board:

POP 100: The Dental Therapy Fees Implementation request increases revenue by \$30,000. Dental therapists are practitioners with a skill level between a dental hygienist and a dentist and must practice under the supervision of a dentist. The creation of this license type will help expand dental care to underserved populations. House Bill 2528 from the 2021 Legislative session authorized OBD to issue a new dental therapy license effective July 2022.

POP 200: The Oregon Wellness Program (OWP) budget request increases the Board's expenditure limitation by \$80,000 Other Funds. The program is designed to provide highly confidential mental health services and resources to healthcare professionals. A healthcare professional in need of these services would be eligible to receive eight free visits from mental health providers who are nominated by their local community providers, experienced in providing care and approved by the OWP Executive Committee.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that the Governor's budget is overstated by approximately \$78,785 due to a calculation error when adjusting one Health Care Investigator Position from 1.0 FTE to 0.5 FTE.

Other Significant Issues and Background

LFO anticipates the Board's ending balance for the 2023-25 biennium to be \$587,411 or 3.4 months of reserves. The Board's primary source of revenue is generated from fees paid by dentists, dental hygienist, and dental therapist and license renewals occur during the spring and fall of each fiscal year which results in four, three-month revenue collection periods per biennium. Historically the Board has required an ending balance of six months of operating expenses due to the lengthy periods between revenue collection periods. OBD last increased fees in the 2015-17 biennium.

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/OBD%20FY%202022%20APPR.pdf