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- The Executive recommends \$334,917 in FY 2004 (a 5.4% increase over estimated FY 2003 expenditures) and \$329,687 in FY 2005 (a 1.6% decrease over the FY 2005 recommended appropriation)
- 3,322 licensees in FY2002

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Board of Dietetics, created in 1987, protects and regulates the practice of dietetics in Ohio. The Board consists of five members and has three full-time employees.

The Board issues two types of licenses: dietitian and limited permit dietitian. In FY 2002, the Board licensed 3,196 dietitians and 126 limited permits. The total number of licensees increased by 6% between FY 2001 and FY 2002.

Revenue is generated from new and renewal license fees, which are collected annually. Expenditures are for operating expenses associated with the licensure, regulation, and enforcement processes. Revenues and expenditures for FY 2002 totaled \$270,293 and \$262,125, respectively. The Board contributed \$8,168 more to Fund 4K9 than it was appropriated during the renewal cycle.

Dietetic Technicians

The Board states that dietetic technicians are seeking licensure. According to the Board's estimates, licensing dietetic technicians would increase the number of licenses issued by approximately 700. If dietetic technicians were granted licensure, the Board would seek Controlling Board approval to hire a part-time clerical/investigation position (0.5 FTE) to manage the increased workload. There are no provisions in the Executive budget regarding dietetic technicians.

Licensing System

The occupational licensing boards, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services, are working to implement a new licensing system. The system will be phased in over the next biennium and each board will pay their share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. The Board of Dietetics will pay an annual fee of approximately \$3,000 during the next biennium and a monthly fee of approximately \$1,000.

Administrative Fees

During the current biennium, boards absorbed increased administrative costs charged by other state agencies. Many boards contracted for services that were once provided by other state agencies.

The Board estimates that increased administrative fees will cost the Board approximately \$15,500 in FY 2004 and \$16,000 in FY 2005 for DAS Central Service Agency fees, computer technical support, license renewal banking and revenue processing fees, and risk management fees to administer the Board's public employee fidelity bond in the current biennium.

Fee Changes

Since 1993, the Board has brought in enough revenue to offset expenditures. However, the Board states that FY 2003 expenditures will outweigh revenues by approximately \$38,000. Originally, the Board sought fee increases for the FY 2004 renewal cycle. However, the Board received notification that the American Dietetic Association, of which approximately 3,000 of the 3,100 dietitian licensees in Ohio belong, will increase their member dues in FY 2004. The Board feels that raising licensure fees in FY 2004 would produce a severe economic hardship on Ohio's dietitians. After reevaluating the Board's Fund 4K9 reserves, the Board believes that there will be enough reserve revenue to cover FY 2004 expenditures. However, the Board will institute fee increases for the FY 2005 renewal cycle. The Executive budget includes the fee increases.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Ohio Board of Dietetics

Purpose: License and regulate the practice of dietetic s

The following table shows the line item is used to fund the Board of Dietetics, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2004	FY 2005
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	\$334,917	\$329,687
Total funding: Ohio Board of Dietetics				

Ohio Board of Dietetics

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4759. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Dietetics protects the health and safety of Ohio citizens by regulating the practice of dietetics by setting and enforcing the standards of practice through annual licensure requirements, and investigating complaints against unlawful dietetic practices.

Funding Source: General Services Fund Group (Fund 4K9). Currently, all revenue from 24 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and reallocated to each board. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Item: 860-609, Operating Expenses

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The executive recommendation will allow the Board to continue current service levels and cover the Board's increased administrative fees. The executive recommendation includes an appropriation of \$334,917 for FY 2004, which represents an increase of 5.4% over estimated FY 2003 expenditures. The Executive recommends an appropriation of \$329,687 for FY 2005, which is a decrease of 1.6% from FY 2004 recommended appropriations.

No new initiatives are planned with the recommended funding. The Board will be able to replace two computers and print approximately 4,000 revised law books in FY 2004, and can purchase file stacks in FY 2005.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Ohio Board of Dietetics, Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2000	2001	2002	2003	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2004	2005
Board Members	5	5	5	5	5	5
Administrative Staff	2	2	2	2	2	2
Investigators	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	8	8	8	8	8	8

Board members are budgeted at 96 hours per year (0.23 FTE). The Board also has one part-time clerk who works 1,000 hours per year (0.48 FTE).

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
Dietitian	3,123	3,300	3,032	3,196
Dietitian-Limited Permit	131	179	98	126

Current License Fees

Fees have remained the same since July 1993. Licenses are renewed annually. The Executive has recommended the following fee increases for FY 2005.

	Current Fees FY 2004	New Fees FY 2005
Dietitian-Initial/Reactivation	\$110	\$140
Dietitian-Renewal	\$80	\$110
Dietitian-Limited Permit	\$55	\$70
Reinstatement	\$165	\$200

Revenues and Expenditures

Fund 4K9	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
Revenues	\$270,596	\$279,150	\$261,736	\$270,293
Expenditures	\$227,741	\$255,742	\$248,913	\$262,125
Net	\$42,855	\$23,408	\$12,823	\$8,168
Two Year Net	\$66,263		\$20,991	

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the Board's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

Permanent Law Provisions

Fee Increases (R.C. section 4759.08)

As proposed in the biennium budget bill, the following fee increases would go into effect on July 1, 2004:

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Dietitian-Initial/Reactivation	\$110	\$140
Dietitian-Renewal	\$80	\$110
Dietitian-Limited Permit	\$55	\$70
Reinstatement	\$165	\$200

If these fee changes are not enacted, the Board estimates that it will be in negative standing in Fund 4K9 by FY 2005. The fee increases will ensure that the Board can bring in enough revenue to offset expenditures.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Board of Dietetics						
Fund Line Item	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
4K9 860-609	\$336,417	\$334,917	(\$1,500)	\$325,617	\$329,687	\$4,070

The Board requested an additional \$1,500 in appropriation authority in FY 2004 to purchase a file stack that was not funded. However, the executive recommendation includes \$1,500 in FY 2005 to fund the purchase of a file stack.

General Services Fund Group

4K9 860-609 Operating Expenses

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$255,742	\$248,912	\$262,124	\$317,617	\$334,917	\$329,687
	-2.7%	5.3%	21.2%	5.4%	-1.6%

Source: GSF: Revenue received by the occupational licensing boards is deposited into Fund 4K9

Legal Basis: ORC 4743.05 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 570 of the 116th G.A.)

Purpose: This appropriation supports the general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment for the Ohio Board of Dietetics. The board licenses and regulates the dietetic profession in Ohio.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2004 - FY 2005

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>Estimated 2003</i>	<i>Executive 2004</i>	<i>% Change 2003 to 2004</i>	<i>Executive 2005</i>	<i>% Change 2004 to 2005</i>
<i>OBD Dietetics, Board of</i>								
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	\$ 262,124	\$317,617	\$ 334,917	5.4%	\$ 329,687	-1.6%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 262,124	\$ 317,617	\$ 334,917	5.4%	\$ 329,687	-1.6%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 262,124	\$ 317,617	\$ 334,917	5.4%	\$ 329,687	-1.6%