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Note: The estimated General Revenue Fund (GRF) spending for FY 2003 used in this LSC Redbook reflects the 2.5% reduction made as a result of the Governor's January 22, 2003 budget cut order. The executive reduction was applied across-the-board to FY 2003 GRF appropriations, subject to certain exceptions. Subsequent to such reductions (and not reflected in the Redbook), state agencies were permitted to reallocate the amount that each of their GRF appropriation line items was reduced, while still absorbing the 2.5% budget cut within the total amount of their GRF appropriations.

State Board of Sanitarian Registration

- Licenses over 1,500 professionals
- Executive recommends fee increases
- Most licensees are government employees

OVERVIEW

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration was created in 1977 to ensure sanitarians in the field of environmental health possess and maintain specialized knowledge and skills that pertain to the field of environmental health science. Environmental health is an aspect of public health that deals with the following topics: air quality, food quality and protection, hazardous and toxic substances, consumer product safety, housing, institutional health and safety, community noise control, radiation protection, recreational facilities, solid and liquid waste management, vector control, drinking water quality, milk sanitation, and rabies control.

About 80% of the Board's licensees are government employees who must be licensed per government mandate. Most of these government employees work for city or county health departments. The Board currently licenses approximately 1,500 people. The Board renews its licenses annually. In FY 2002 the Board had revenues and expenditures of \$112,388 and \$109,341 respectively. The Board contributed \$3,047 more to Fund 4K9 than it was appropriated for the last renewal cycle.

The executive recommended budget for the Board is \$124,892 for FY 2004 and \$126,265 for FY 2005. The Board requested fee increases to generate revenue to pay for the additional costs resulting from payroll inflation in the upcoming biennium. The fee increases are expected to generate approximate annual revenues of \$131,945 in FY 2004 and \$134,246 in FY 2005.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

State Board Of Sanitarian Registration

Purpose: License and regulate sanitarians in the field of environmental health

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2004	FY 2005
4K9	893-609	Operating	\$124,892	\$126,265
Total funding: State Board of Sanitarian Registration				

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4736. of the Revised Code, the State Board of Sanitarian Registration protects the public health by ensuring that individuals who engage in the practice of environmental health possess and maintain specialized knowledge and skills that pertain to the field of environmental health science.

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

Line Items: 893-609, Operating

Implication of Recommendation: The Executive has recommended an 8.5% increase in funding for FY 2004 and a 0.58% increase for FY 2005. The increase in funding will be supported from proposed fee increases of 13% for renewals and 32% for applications. According to the Board, the fee increases are necessary to cover its operating costs including the continued use of an intermittent clerical position and technical support. The technical support was previously provided at no cost by other state agencies.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

State Board of Sanitarian Registration Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2000	2001	2002	2003	Estimated	
					2004	2004
Board Members	7	7	7	7	7	7
Administrative Staff	1	1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Investigators	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	8	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3

The Board also has one intermittent clerk who works approximately 600 hours per year. The Board's executive director performs all investigations. The Board has scheduled seven board meetings for each year. The Board members are only reimbursed their travel expenses.

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
Sanitarian	1,312	1,289	1,270	1,298
Sanitarian in Training	216	240	260	255

License Fees

License fees were last increased 5% in July of 2001. Licenses are renewed annually. Current fees are shown in the table below.

	Current Fee
Sanitarian in Training Application	\$57
Sanitarian in Training Renewal	\$61
Advancement to Registered Sanitarian	\$57
Registered Sanitarian Renewal	\$61
Registered Sanitarian Application	\$114
Examination	\$95
Late Renewal	\$25
Training Agency Renewal	\$25
Training Agency Application	\$50

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

Fees; fees for initial and renewal licenses (R.C. section 4736.12)

Under this provision, sanitarians would be required to pay additional application and renewal fees. The revenue generated would allow the Board to cover operating expenses and indirect costs. The fee increases listed below would generate about \$132,000 of revenue annually.

License Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Estimated FY 2004 Additional Revenue
Sanitarian-in-Training Application	\$57	\$75	\$2,616
Advancement to Registered Sanitarian	\$57	\$75	\$1,797
Registered Sanitarian Application	\$114	\$150	\$408
Renewal	\$61	\$69	\$15,165
Late Renewal Fee	\$25	\$25	\$0

Temporary Law Provisions

There are no temporary law provisions included in the executive budget affecting the Board.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

State Board of Sanitarian Registration						
Fund Line Item	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
4K9 893-609	\$125,544	\$124,892	(\$652)	\$126,265	\$125,612	(\$653)

The Board had requested \$652 in additional funding in FY 2004 and \$653 in FY 2005 for the development of the new licensure system. However, this request was not funded because fees for the development of the new licensure system for the State Board of Sanitarian Registration will not be charged against the Board's appropriation.

General Services Fund Group

4K9 893-609 Operating Expenses

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$95,903	\$104,882	\$107,584	\$115,074	\$124,892	\$125,612
	9.4%	2.6%	7.0%	8.5%	0.6%

Source: GSF: Fee revenue received by the State Board of Sanitarian Registration

Legal Basis: ORC 4743.05 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: Funds are used for general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment.

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>
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4K9	893-609	Operating Expenses	\$ 107,584	\$115,074	\$ 124,892	8.5%	\$ 125,612	0.6%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 107,584	\$ 115,074	\$ 124,892	8.5%	\$ 125,612	0.6%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 107,584	\$ 115,074	\$ 124,892	8.5%	\$ 125,612	0.6%