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Board of Dietetics

- In the upcoming biennium, the Board will begin developing an online licensing application

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Board of Dietetics, created in 1987, protects and regulates the practice of dietetics in Ohio. The Board regulates nutrition and dietetics practice to protect the public from harmful, incompetent, or negligent nutritional practices. In addition, the Board establishes educational, pre-professional training, and examination standards, and issues licenses and limited permits for dietitians who seek to practice in Ohio. The Board also sets standards of practice for dietitians, investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees. The Board consists of five members and has three full-time employees.

The Board issues two types of licenses: dietitian and limited permit dietitian. The Board issued approximately 3,241 licenses in FY 2006. 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 2006 totaled \$354,209 and \$298,189, respectively. The Board contributed \$53,577 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during FYs 2005 and 2006.

The Ohio Board of Dietetics is part of Fund 4K9 (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund), a General Services Fund. The fund is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. To eliminate revenue and expenditure issues created when some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others required subsidies from the GRF, the 120th General Assembly established the 4K9 Fund in Am. Sub. H.B. 152. The philosophy of the fund is that each board must generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. Some boards develop a surplus to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

Increased use of Web-based Services

The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services, implemented a web-based multi-board online licensing system in FY 2005. Each board will pay its share of the costs out of Fund 4K9, improving agency services. The Board plans to expand system utilization to manage supervision, enforcement, continuing education information, and add online renewal functions to decrease administrative costs. The Board will pay \$4,185 in FY 2008 and \$3,757 in FY 2009 for the licensing system. The fee for this service was \$4,185 in FY 2006.

Administrative Fees

Over the course of the last few years, occupational boards had to absorb increased administrative costs charged by other state agencies. Many boards contracted for services that were once provided for free such as lock-box services and computer technical support. Many state boards share the costs and services for computer application and infrastructure maintenance. These costs for the Dietetics Board are estimated at \$10,262 in FY 2008 and \$9,915 in FY 2009. The Board also plans to purchase computer

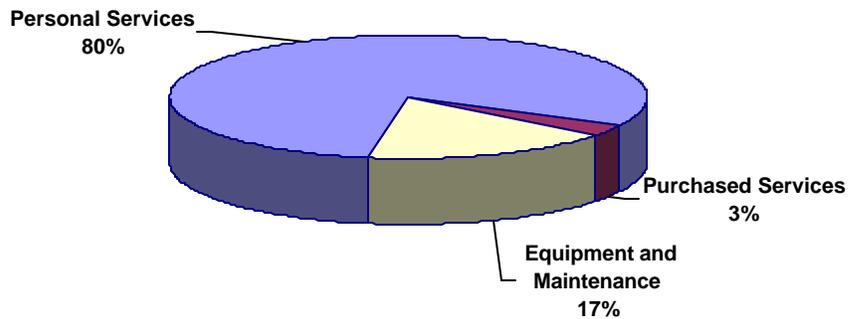
hardware during the upcoming biennium. The total estimated hardware replacement cost is \$4,000, \$2,000 in each fiscal year.

Staffing Levels

Ohio Board of Dietetics Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2004	2005	2006	2007	Estimated	
					2008	2009
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

The Board members are budgeted at 96 hours per year (0.23 full-time equivalent (FTE)). The Board has one intermittent clerk (0.48 FTE).

Total Budget by Object Code for FY 2008



FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Dietitian	3,415	3,456	2,908	3,121
Dietitian-Limited Permit	124	108	106	120

Source: *Ohio's Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Boards Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006*

Revenues and Expenditures

Fund 4K9	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$297,300	\$354,209
Expenditures	\$299,744	\$297,189
Net	(\$2,444)	\$56,021
Two-Year Net	\$53,577	

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Single Program Series

Operating Expenses

Purpose: License and regulate the practice of dietetics

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Board of Dietetics, as well as the executive's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	\$342,501	\$348,964
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$342,501	\$348,964
Total Funding: Ohio Board of Dietetics			\$342,501	\$348,964

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 27 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and reallocated to each board. Each board is expected to raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Items: 860-609, Operating Expenses

Implication of Executive Recommendation: The Board requested \$330,320 in FY 2008 and \$338,983 in FY 2009. The Executive recommended funding of \$342,501 in both years. The increase in line item 860-609, Operating Expenses, (\$12,181 in FY 2008 and \$3,518 in FY 2009), includes an increase in online license renewal costs the Board did not anticipate at the time of the original budget request.

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General Services Fund Group

4K9 860-609 Operating Expenses

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$291,786	\$299,744	\$306,208	\$330,320	\$342,501	\$348,964
	2.7%	2.2%	7.9%	3.7%	1.9%

Source: GSF: License fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards

Legal Basis: ORC 4759.03 and 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 2008 - FY 2009

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>Estimated 2007</i>	<i>As Introduced 2008</i>	<i>House Passed 2008</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2007 to House 2008</i>	<i>As Introduced 2009</i>	<i>House Passed 2009</i>	<i>% Change House 2008 to House 2009</i>
<i>OBD Dietetics, Board of</i>									
4K9	860-609	Operating Expenses	\$330,320	\$ 342,501	\$ 342,501	3.7%	\$ 348,964	\$ 348,964	1.9%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 330,320	\$ 342,501	\$ 342,501	3.7%	\$ 348,964	\$ 348,964	1.9%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 330,320	\$ 342,501	\$ 342,501	3.7%	\$ 348,964	\$ 348,964	1.9%