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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget
Cosmetology and Barber Board

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Quick look...

- The State Cosmetology and Barber Board (COS) licenses approximately 148,000 individuals, businesses, and beauty and barbering schools. Licenses are renewed biennially in odd-numbered fiscal years.
- The Board is governed by 13 members appointed by the Governor. Daily operations are overseen by an executive director.
- The Board employs a staff of 41, including 16 field inspection staff, eight exempt management positions, six examination schedulers and examiners, three customer service personnel, three licensing staff, two administrative action staff, one IT staff, one fiscal staff, and one support staff.
- The Board receives no money from the GRF; rather, its operations are entirely supported by licensing fees and related revenues. The budget provides funding of \$5.4 million in FY 2022 and \$5.7 million in FY 2023.

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Appropriation	FY 2023 Appropriation
State Board of Cosmetology – Fund 4K90 ALI 879609, Operating Expenses					
\$4,218,428	\$5,265,839	\$4,943,759	\$4,907,876	\$5,416,852	\$5,716,944
% change	24.8%	-6.1%	-0.7%	10.4%	5.5%
Ohio State Barber Board – Fund 4K90 ALI 877609, Operating Expenses					
\$486,863	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: The Ohio State Barber Board’s operations were merged with those of the State Board of Cosmetology beginning in January 2018, the midpoint of FY 2018. The combined operations are now funded under Fund 4K90 ALI 879609, Operating Expenses.

Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget

The State Cosmetology and Barber Board (COS), headquartered in Grove City, is funded entirely by licensing fees and other revenues it collects and deposits into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Funding for Board operations is \$5.4 million in FY 2022, about 10.5% higher than FY 2021 spending of \$4.9 million. The FY 2023 appropriation is \$5.7 million, 5.5% greater than the FY 2022 amount. Line item 879609, Operating Expenses, covers the payroll and fringe benefits for the 41 staff members employed by the Board, as well as supplies and maintenance, including charges assessed by the Department of Administrative Services for administrative support and COS’s share of user fees related to the state’s eLicensing system, an online platform used to track and store licenses among the state’s occupational licensing boards.

COS is responsible for establishing and maintaining sanitary and professional standards in beauty salons. It licenses individuals who provide cosmetology services and related services such as manicuring, esthetics, hair design, natural hair styling, as well as cosmetology schools. In addition, the Board has oversight over the indoor tanning industry through regulation of ultraviolet radiation devices. The Board also oversees barbers, barbershops, and barber schools as a result of the consolidation of the State Board of Cosmetology and the Ohio State Barber Board under H.B. 49, the main operating budget act for the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium. That consolidation occurred in January 2018.

Licenses and fees

COS issues several different types of licenses. Licenses issued by the Board are required to be renewed on a biennial basis.

License Fees by Type		
License Type	Current Fee	Statutory Maximum
Issuance of a practicing, advanced, or instructor license for any branch of cosmetology	\$45	Not more than \$75
Renewal of practicing, advanced, or instructor license for any branch of cosmetology	\$55	Not more than \$70
Issuance of a salon license; ownership or name change	\$75	Not more than \$100
Salon license renewal	\$70	Not more than \$90
Issuance of a duplicate license	\$20	Not more than \$30
Independent contractor	\$75	Established by rule
Independent contractor renewal	\$70	Established by rule
Issuance of a reciprocal license	\$70	Not more than \$70
Issuance or renewal of private cosmetology school license	\$250	Not more than \$250
Tanning facility permit	\$75	Established by rule
Tanning facility permit renewal	\$70	Established by rule
Temporary pre-examination work permit	\$10	Not more than \$15
Initial application to take an examination/retake an examination after failing	\$40/\$31.50	Not more than \$40
Examination after previously failing to show	\$45	Not more than \$55
Lapsed renewal fee	\$45	Not more than \$45
Mailing license to another state	\$50	Not more than \$50
Special occasions work permit	\$50	Established by rule

H.B. 110, the main operating budget act for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium, includes language that allows an individual who is licensed by the Board to provide incidental cosmetology and barbering services on premises other than a licensed salon or barber shop for certain limited events including: (1) charity events, (2) weddings, (3) bridal or hair shows, (4) spa events, (5) functions at nursing homes, hospitals, or other care facilities, or (6) private residences of people who are unable to go to salons or barber shops for services. The bill prohibits the Board from requiring an individual to obtain an additional license or permit in order to provide these services. This change may result in a minimal loss of revenue for the Board. Under current administrative rules, the Board may issue temporary event salon licenses for this type of activity. The fee for these licenses is \$10.