

Introduction

Section 103.13(H) of the Revised Code requires the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) to prepare a report each year evaluating the extent to which Ohio's various occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions are financially self-supporting. This report summarizes the year-end cash balances for funds used by 40 such boards and commissions in FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). These 40 boards and commissions use a number of different state funds as operating accounts into which their receipts are deposited and from which their expenses are paid. As of June 30, 2009, the 19 funds used primarily by the boards and commissions had a combined cash balance of \$72.2 million, compared to a combined cash balance of \$66.7 million as of July 1, 2008. As of June 30, 2009, the boards and commissions also encumbered a total of \$3.4 million in FY 2009 funds to be spent in FY 2010, leaving the funds with a combined unobligated cash balance of \$68.8 million. Collectively, the 40 boards and commissions had sufficient revenues to cover their expenditures and were financially self-supporting in FY 2009.

The report is divided into three sections. Section I provides a simplified cash balance statement for the 19 funds used by the boards and commissions in FY 2009 and summarizes revenue and expenditure patterns of the boards and commissions. Section II compares the total number of active licenses for each board or commission in FY 2009 with that in FY 2008. Section III provides agency staffing levels, web site addresses, and a summary of newly enacted legislative changes affecting the boards and commissions in FY 2009.

LSC first obtained the financial data used in this report from the state's accounting system, the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS), and then verified the data with the boards and commissions, some of which made changes to that information based on internal financial records. Information concerning licensing activity was provided by the boards and commissions. The Department of Administrative Services' Central Service Agency (CSA), which supports the administrative operations for most of the licensing boards and commissions, also provided assistance.

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