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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board is funded entirely by fees and assessments paid by professionals working in the veterinary field. The Board oversees approximately 9,865 active licenses.
- The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. Day-to-day operations are handled by an executive director, a license coordinator, and one part-time clerk. The Board contracts with the Department of Agriculture for inspections and investigations.
- The budget provides total funding of \$474,238 in FY 2022 and \$470,278 in FY 2023.

| FY 2018 Actual | FY 2019 Actual | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual | FY 2022 Appropriation | FY 2023 Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fund 4K90 ALI 888609, Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| \$376,807 | \$366,745 | \$407,208 | \$358,657 | \$444,238 | \$440,278 |
| % change | -2.7% | 11.0% | -11.9% | 23.9% | -0.9% |
| Fund 5BU0 ALI 888602, Veterinary Student Loan Program | | | | | |
| \$46,000 | \$0 | \$20,000 | \$20,000 | \$30,000 | \$30,000 |
| % change | -100.0% | -- | 0.0% | 50.0% | 0.0% |
| Total funding: | | | | | |
| \$422,807 | \$366,745 | \$427,208 | \$378,657 | \$474,238 | \$470,278 |
| % change | -13.3% | 16.5% | -11.4% | 25.2% | -0.8% |

Overview

The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (DVM) ensures the professional and competent conduct of veterinarians and veterinary technicians throughout the state. The Board consists of seven members, five of whom must be licensed veterinarians and one whom must be a licensed veterinary technician. The remaining member represents the public. The Board confirms that applicants for licensure in the veterinary field have passed the proper exams, issues licenses, approves continuing education courses, and carries out disciplinary hearings when necessary. It contracts with the Department of Agriculture to handle inspections and investigations. All of the Board's revenues come from licensing fees and other assessments. It receives no GRF funding. The Board employs two full-time staff persons and one part-time clerk.

Operating Expenses (ALI 888609)

The Board's funding is entirely supported by licensing fees and other assessments that are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). This appropriation from Fund 4K90 is used to support general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment. The Board employs three individuals: an executive director and a license coordinator (both full-time), and a clerk who works on a part-time basis. The appropriation for FY 2022 is \$444,238, or 23.9% higher than actual spending of \$358,657 in FY 2021. The FY 2023 appropriation is slightly lower at \$440,278. The increased funding over the biennium will be used to cover higher anticipated eLicensing costs and higher surcharges for Worldpay, a payment processing vendor. The appropriations will also cover higher charges for inspections and investigations carried out by the Department of Agriculture, as well as the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) charges for human resources and fiscal services provided by that agency. Finally, the funding will be used to pay rent for the space occupied by the Board in the Riffe Center.

The funding for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium allows for additional inspections and other Board activities that did not occur in FY 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As noted above, the Board contracts with the Department of Agriculture to handle veterinary office and facility inspections and investigations instead of hiring additional full-time staff for this purpose. Under this arrangement, DVM pays only for the hours and mileage of the person assigned to a specific inspection or investigation, significantly decreasing costs as compared to hiring a staff person to carry out these functions. Overall, DVM anticipates conducting between 120 and 125 random inspections per fiscal year over the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium in addition to the investigations required due to written complaints.

Licenses and fees

The table below shows the various licenses issued by the Board and the associated fees. All are renewed biennially. As mentioned above, fee revenue collected from the various licenses issued by DVM is deposited into Fund 4K90, a pooled operating fund used by many of Ohio's occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions.

| License Fees by Type | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| License Type | Fee |
| Veterinarian | \$425/\$155 |
| Veterinary Business Facility | \$300 |
| Veterinary Specialist | \$50 |
| Veterinary Technician | \$35 |
| Limited License | \$35/\$155 |
| Provisional Graduate License | \$100 |
| Temporary Permit | \$100 |

Veterinary Student Loan Program (ALI 888602)

Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Fund (Fund 5BU0) appropriation item 888602, Veterinary Student Loan Program, is used to reimburse veterinary students interested in large animal medicine, regulatory services, or veterinary public health in areas of the state where these professional services are lacking. The amount appropriated for this purpose is \$30,000 in each fiscal year of the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium. The program is funded by the proceeds from a \$10 portion of every veterinarian license renewal.

The awards may be used to cover tuition, other educational expenses, and room and board of up to \$10,000 per year with a \$20,000 maximum. Recipients must agree to practice in Ohio for a certain period of time. If the grant is less than \$10,000, recipients must stay in Ohio for at least one year; if the grant is greater than \$10,000, recipients must stay in Ohio for at least two years. The Board awarded one grant totaling \$20,000 in FY 2021.