

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

Ohio State Chiropractic Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio State Chiropractic Board licenses about 2,560 professionals with a staff of four.
- The Board is governed by five members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- There are no proposed fee changes for the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium.

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Introduced	FY 2021 Introduced
Fund 4K90 ALI 878609, Operating Expenses					
\$561,562	\$500,931	\$528,287	\$598,200	\$605,251	\$622,000
% change	-10.8%	5.5%	13.2%	1.2%	2.8%

Agency overview

The Ohio State Chiropractic Board was established in 1975. The Board issues licenses for chiropractors, sets the standards of practice, tests each applicant on the Board's laws and rules, investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees. The Board also issues acupuncture certificates to qualified chiropractors.

The Board's governing authority consists of five members appointed by the Governor, including four chiropractic physicians and one public member. Members are appointed for four-year terms and may serve two full terms. The Board meets six times per year. In addition to travel reimbursement, Board members receive compensation for the performance of official Board business.

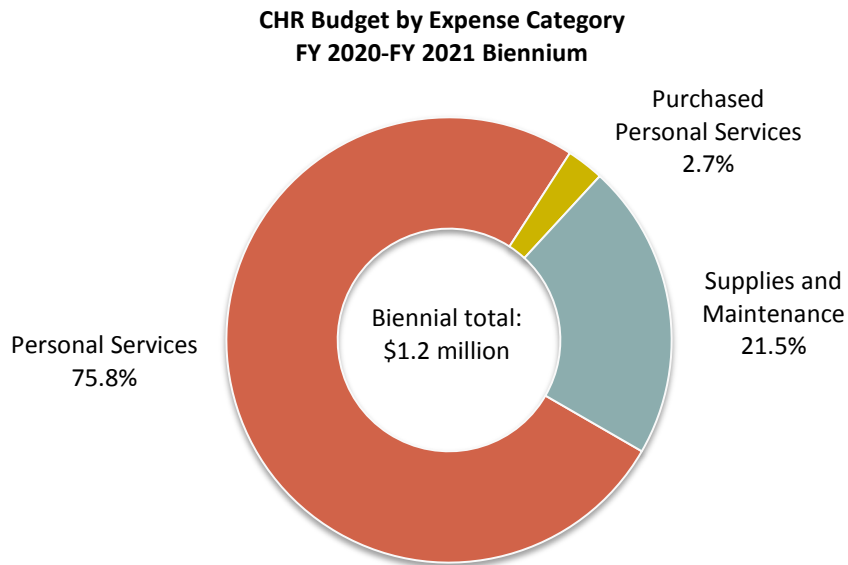
The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director who is appointed by the five-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board currently has four full-time employees with an annual budget of \$598,200 in FY 2019. The Board receives no GRF moneys; it is entirely supported by fees.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget proposal

The Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 item 878609, Operating Expenses. The budget proposes funding of \$605,251 in FY 2020, an increase of 1.2% over FY 2019 estimated expenditures and \$622,000 in FY 2021, an increase of 2.8% over FY 2020 appropriations.

Executive recommendations by expense category

As a regulatory agency, personal services is the largest expense category for the Board. As seen in the chart below, 75.8% of the executive budget recommendations for the biennium are for personal services, 21.5% for supplies and maintenance, and 2.7% for purchased personal services.



Operating revenues and expenses

All of the Board's revenue comes from fees. Fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the State Chiropractic Board, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generating enough revenue to cover its expenses.

Table 1 shows the Board's annual revenue and expenditures from FY 2013 through FY 2018 as well as the net of revenue less expenditures. As seen from the table, revenue is substantially higher in even-numbered years since licenses are required to be renewed in these years.

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Revenue	\$42,815	\$1,242,205	\$43,144	\$1,249,405	\$35,910	\$1,297,025
Expenses	\$545,011	\$597,601	\$535,586	\$561,562	\$500,932	\$528,288
Net	-\$502,196	\$644,604	-\$492,422	\$687,843	-\$465,022	\$768,737

The Board issues chiropractic licenses and acupuncture certificates for chiropractors. The Board also approves preceptorships. The preceptorship is for students in their final clinical phase of chiropractic school. Table 2 shows the current fee amounts for each type of license.

License Type	Fee
Chiropractic License (Initial)	\$250
Chiropractic License (Renewal)	\$500
Preceptorship	\$75
Acupuncture Certificate (Initial)	\$100
Acupuncture Certificate (Renewal)	\$100

Licenses and investigation and enforcement statistics

To carry out its regulatory responsibility, the Board establishes standards of practice and licenses chiropractors. The Board must ensure that each applicant meets certain educational and testing requirements to practice as a chiropractor in the state of Ohio. To regulate the practice of acupuncture by chiropractors, the Board ensures that each chiropractor issued a certificate meets certain educational and testing requirements.

Table 3 shows the number of active licenses and certificates in FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018. Between those years, the number of active chiropractic licenses increased by 2.9%, from 2,418 to 2,488. The total number of active acupuncture certificates increased by 10.7%, from 149 to 165. Licenses and acupuncture certificates issued by the Board must be renewed biennially.

License Type	FY 2016	FY 2017	Percent Change	FY 2018	Percent Change
Chiropractic	2,418	2,512	3.9%	2,488	-1.0%
Acupuncture Certificate	149	156	4.7%	165	5.8%
Preceptorship	23	32	39.1%	22	-31.3%
Total	2,590	2,700	4.2%	2,675	-0.9%

The Board currently utilizes the eLicensing system, which is administered through the Department of Administrative Services (DAS's) Central Service Agency (CSA). Each board that participates is charged for using the system. The Board spent \$600 in FY 2018 and is anticipated to expend \$3,690 in FY 2019 for using this system.

Investigation and enforcement

The Board's regulatory obligations also include investigating complaints about issues of incompetent, unethical, or impaired practitioners. All complaints are reviewed to determine whether the Board has the legal authority to take action. In FY 2018, the Board opened 85 cases, completed 95 investigations (including disposition of complaints received prior to FY 2018), and took 19 disciplinary actions. These actions included six formal charges (citations), eight consent agreements, four orders/adjudication orders, and one voluntary permanent surrender.

Continuing education

The Board requires 36 hours of continuing education (CE) for chiropractic license renewal. Of these hours, 34 hours must be chiropractic-related hours and two hours must be Board-mandated CE on the topics of ethics and professionalism, human trafficking awareness, and/or laws and rules of the Board. For chiropractors holding an acupuncture certificate the following is required: 22 chiropractic hours, 12 acupuncture hours, and two Board-mandated hours.