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Agency Purpose

The Board of Optometry is responsible for protection of the public through the regulation of optometrists in the State of Minnesota. The Board was established in 1915 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148. Regulation is accomplished through licensure examination, annual renewal, required continuing education, as well as investigation and resolution of complaints against licensees.

The mission of the board is:

- Protect the public through licensure of qualified optometrists
- Protect the public by ensuring that all licensees provide competent optometric services
- Protect the public by setting standards for quality optometric services
- Promote public interest in receiving quality optometric care from competent optometrists

At a Glance

Credentialing Services

- 1,000 renewed licenses
- 75 new licenses

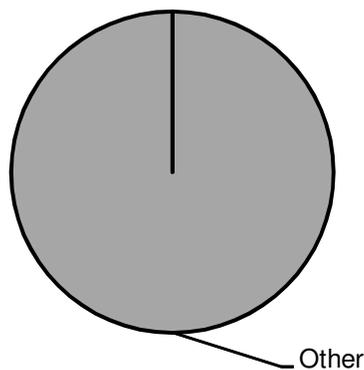
Education Services

- 1,000 reviews of reported continuing education
- 100 audits of reported continuing education
- 75 continuing education program approvals

Discipline Services

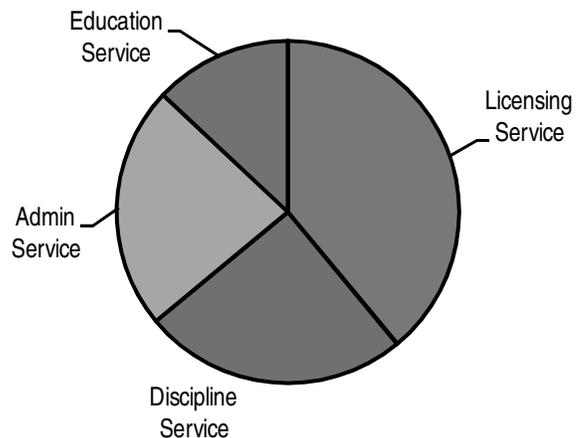
- Reviewed 20 complaints submitted
- Prepared 20 complaint files for committee
- Monitored four optometrists under disciplinary order
- Assured monitoring of optometrists in the Health Professional Services Program

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Fund



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement.

Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Service



Source: Board expenses allocated to the services provided by the board.

Strategies

The board accomplishes its mission of Public Protection by:

- Providing information and education to the public, other interested parties, and licensees
- Support public protection by setting standards of practice and conduct for licensees
- Support public protection by verifying that applicants meet set standards for initial licensure
- Support public protection by verifying that licensees meet continuing competence requirements

Operations

The Board serves the consumers of optometric services by licensing as optometrists only those persons the board has determined meet the established education, experiential and examination requirements. The board serves the optometric community by providing verification of credentials to other state and federal agencies.

The Board is committed to public protection and to responsible, efficient, and cost-effective services. The seven-member Board of Optometry (five licensed optometrists, two public members) sets the direction for the Board and oversees the agency’s activities.

Key Activity Goals & Measures

Key Goals

- Promote quality optometric care from licensed optometrists
- Maintain excellence in optometric regulation
- Initiate and complete rulemaking for license reinstatement
- Initiate and complete rulemaking for continuing education audit requirements
- Implement online application process

Key Measures

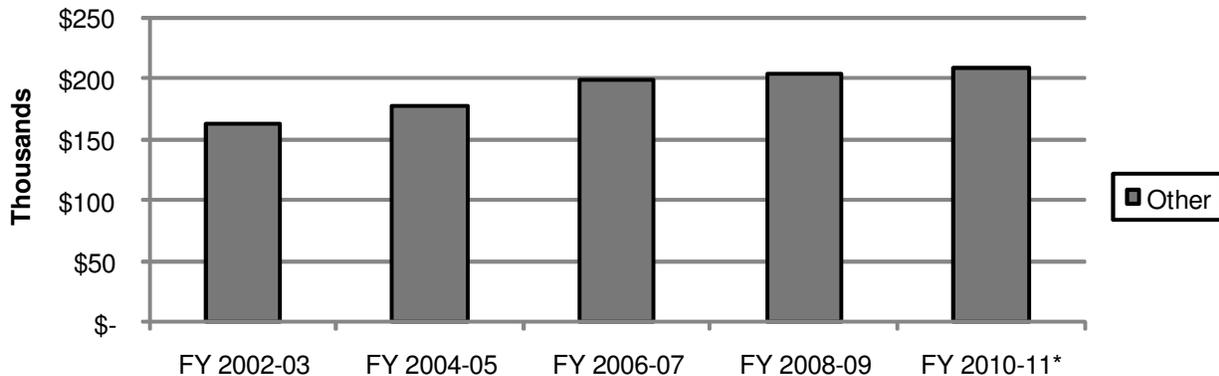
- Public protection – the Board’s website offers several services to the public; verification of licensure, downloadable complaint forms along with information on the complaint process
- Online services – licensees are able to update contact information, record continuing education and complete annual license renewal
- Licenses are issued within 24 hours following approval by the Board
- Manual license verification to other licensing jurisdictions are completed within 24 hours following receipt of request.

Budget Trends Section

The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures. The board is estimated to collect \$234,000 in FY 2010-11, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund.

From this fund, the board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency activities such as salaries, rent, costs for disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. In FY 2010-11, total expenditures for these purposes are estimated at \$220,000. The chart below shows funding trends over the last five biennia for the direct and open appropriation.

Total Expenditures by Fund



* FY 2010-11 is estimated, not actual

Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of 07/31/10.

Board fees are also responsible for covering a prorated share of support functions provided outside of the Board itself. These include legal support (Attorney General), statewide e-licensing system development and operations (Office of Enterprise Technology), centralized administrative support (Health Boards Administrative Services Unit), funding for services to health professionals (Health Professionals Services Program) and controlled substance program (Prescription Electronic Reporting). In FY 2010-11, some of the health boards' reserves in the state government special revenue fund were also transferred to the general fund. The table below displays direct and open appropriation expenditures, external support costs (prorated share), and the general fund transfers (prorated share) estimated in FY 2010-11.

	FY 2010-11 (in thousands)
Board's Direct and Open Appropriations	\$ 220
Board's External Support Costs and Transfers (prorated Share)	
• Attorney General support	27
• E-licensing support	11
• Central administrative service unit	13
• Health professional service program	5
• Prescription Electronic Reporting	8
• General fund transfer	70
	Total 354
Fees Collected by Board	\$234
	Prorated Surplus/(Deficit) (120)

In most years, Board fee revenues exceed direct expenditures and external support costs, and as directed by law, the surplus is used to maintain a reserve in the state government special revenue fund. It should be noted here that the FY 2010-11 transfers to the General Fund, along with unanticipated increases in the support costs discussed above, have resulted in the Board's fee revenue not covering its prorated costs and transfers.

External Factors Impacting Agency Operations

The number of licensees regulated by the Board continues to rise, as do the number of complaints and the complexity of the cases. Another external factor which will impact the agency's operations is the ongoing enhancement to a single source national association database to maintain continuing education records of all optometrists. This database will allow for 100% audit of required continuing education, effectively reducing staff time spent reviewing and auditing reported continuing education by Minnesota licensed optometrists.

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<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	101	101	101	101	202
Recommended	101	101	0	0	0
Change		0	(101)	(101)	(202)
% Biennial Change from 2010-11					-100%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	90	126	0	0	0
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	2	2	0	0	0
Statutory Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	0	0	115	115	230
Total	92	128	115	115	230
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	66	84	73	74	147
Other Operating Expenses	26	44	42	41	83
Total	92	128	115	115	230
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Optometry, Board Of	92	128	115	115	230
Total	92	128	115	115	230
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>				
	FY2011	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
		FY2012	FY2013	2012-13
<i>Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE</i>				
FY 2011 Appropriations	101	101	101	202
Subtotal - Forecast Base	101	101	101	202
Change Items				
Convert to Dedicated Funding	0	(101)	(101)	(202)
Total Governor's Recommendations	101	0	0	0
<i>Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE</i>				
Planned Open Spending	2	3	3	6
Change Items				
Convert To Dedicated Funding	0	(3)	(3)	(6)
Total Governor's Recommendations	2	0	0	0
<i>Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE</i>				
Planned Statutory Spending	0	0	0	0
Change Items				
Convert to Dedicated Funding	0	115	115	230
Total Governor's Recommendations	0	115	115	230

OPTOMETRY BOARD

Change Item: Convert to Dedicated Funding

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Health Related Boards Fund (171)				
Direct Appropriated Account				
Expenditures	\$(101)	\$(101)	\$(101)	\$(101)
Non-Dedicated Revenue	(115)	(115)	(115)	(115)
Open Appropriated Account				
Expenditures	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Dedicated Account				
Expenditures	115	115	115	115
Dedicated Revenue	115	115	115	115
Transfer In	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11

Recommendation

The Governor recommends changing the way appropriations are made to the health related licensing boards that operate in the state government special revenue fund. Under this proposal, the boards' funding would be converted from direct appropriations to dedicated appropriations, giving each board spending authority equal to its fee revenue and any accumulated balance. The net effect of this change is the difference between the board's current base appropriations and projected revenues.

Rationale

This proposal places ownership in the boards' 183 appointed members to be efficient and cost effective in setting their spending levels, while providing continued legislative oversight in the setting of the boards' fees. It encourages the boards to find efficiencies and ensures the fees paid by each occupation are dedicated to the boards' mission to protect the public and ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality care by qualified licensed health professionals. The establishment of the dedicated appropriation will improve the boards' management of resources and transparency for licensees.

The health related licensing boards are fee-supported organizations that receive no general fund dollars. The boards currently collect and deposit fees as non-dedicated special revenue into the health related boards account in the state government special revenue fund (171). The legislature then provides a direct appropriation from these revenues to each board for its operating expenses. Unlike agencies that receive direct appropriations from the general fund, the boards must ensure that licensing fees are collected to recover each board's direct and indirect expenditures to maintain the solvency of the state government special revenue fund. For this reason, the health boards already operate much like agencies with dedicated appropriations—except that they must seek appropriation authority to gain access to their existing fee revenue.

This proposal changes the boards' non-dedicated revenue to dedicated revenue within the same fund and provides each board with a dedicated appropriation from the board's revenue. Additionally, the current accumulated fund balance within the health related boards account will be transferred to individual boards based on each board's contribution to the balance. M.S. 16A.1283 requires that all fee increases be approved by the legislature, so even with a dedicated funding arrangement, the boards must still seek legislative action to increase spending beyond current law fee revenues.

Key Goals and Measures

Minnesota Milestone: Government in Minnesota will be cost-efficient, and services will be designed to meet the needs of the people who use them. Minnesotans expect their state and local governments to spend money carefully and effectively.

Measures:

- Transparency of fees and expenditures
- The level of service provided to licensees and Minnesota citizens.

Statutory Change: Minnesota Statutes Chapter 148

OPTOMETRY BOARD

Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2010	Budgeted FY2011	Governor's Recomm. FY2012 FY2013		Biennium 2012-13
<i>Non Dedicated Revenue:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	119	115	0	0	0
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(11)	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	108	115	0	0	0
<i>Dedicated Receipts:</i>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	0	0	115	115	230
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	115	115	230
Agency Total Revenue	108	115	115	115	230