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# Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design

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# AT A GLANCE

In FY 2013/2014, the Board:

- Issued 19,613 licenses
- Issued 744 in-training certificates
- Evaluated 3,339 applications for examination and licensure
- Investigated 159 new complaints
- Outreach: 28 presentations

# PURPOSE

The mission of the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (Board) is to regulate the professions and enforce the statutes and rules in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. We ensure that individuals meet the education, examination and experience standards for licensure. We continue our mission by taking disciplinary action against those who violate the laws, rules and standards governing the practice of the professions. The Board contributes to the statewide outcomes of:

- People in Minnesota are safe;
- Efficient and accountable government services; and
- A thriving economy that encourages business growth and employment opportunities.



BUDGET

The Board has a total biennial budget of approximately \$1,592,000. We collect application and licensure fees which are deposited in the State's general fund. The budget is funded through general fund appropriations.

# STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, the Board uses the following strategies:

- 1. **Regulatory** Collaboration with the National Councils on consistent standards for examination, licensure and enforcement. Evaluating applications to ensure that those entering professional practice have completed the required education, examination and experience.
- 2. Enforcement Investigating complaints and taking action against licensees and unlicensed individuals who violate the Board's statutes and rules. Removing individuals from practice when necessary. Exchanging enforcement data across

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jurisdictions. Providing public access to license status, discipline history and the complaint process. Ensuring that the Board's statutes and rules are up-to-date and understandable.

3. **Outreach and Education** – Providing information to Minnesota citizens, legislators, building officials, fire marshals, other state agencies, schools and national councils about the value of licensure and the requirements of competent practice.

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates	
Result	% Licenses renewed on time	89%	95%	FY09/10 & FY 13/14	
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of applications for examination	21	13	FY 09/10 & FY 13/14	
Quality	Average days to approval/denial of applications for licensure by comity	74	43	FY 09/10 & FY 13/14	
Quality	Average days to resolve a complaint	211	189	FY 09/10 & FY13/14	
Quantity	Number of educational presentations given	38	28	FY 09/10 & FY13/14	

# RESULTS

The Board of AELSLAGID's legal authority comes from M.S. 214.01 and M.S. 326. (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=214) and (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=326)

(Dollars in Thousands)

### Expenditures By Fund

	Actu FY12	ual FY13	Actual FY14	Estimate FY15	Forecast E FY16	Base FY17	Governo Recommer FY16	
1000 Occurred								
1000 - General	553	689	651	941	774	774	784	794
Total	553	689	651	941	774	774	784	794
Biennial Change Biennial % Change				350 28		(44) (3)		(14) (1)
J. J				20		(0)		
Governor's Change from Base								30 2
Governor's % Change from Base		ļ						2
Expenditures by Program			I					
Program: AELSLA	553	689	651	941	774	774	784	794
Total	553	689	651	941	774	774	784	794
Expenditures by Category								
Compensation	347	438	416	540	476	476	486	496
Operating Expenses	205	239	226	381	288	288	288	288
Other Financial Transactions		12	7	20	10	10	10	10
Grants, Aids and Subsidies			0					
Capital Outlay-Real Property	2	0	1	0				
Total	553	689	651	941	774	774	784	794
Full-Time Equivalents	5.7	7.5	6.3	5.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3

(Dollars in Thousands)

#### 1000 - General

	Actual		Actual Estimate		Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY12	FY 13	FY 14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
Balance Forward In		221		123				
Direct Appropriation	774	774	774	818	774	774	784	794
Net Transfers		(11)						
Cancellations		295						
Expenditures	553	689	651	941	774	774	784	794
Balance Forward Out	221		123					
Biennial Change in Expenditures				350		(44)		(14)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				28		(3)		(1)
Gov's Exp Change from Base								30
Gov's Exp % Change from Base								2
FTEs	5.7	7.5	6.3	5.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3

# Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design

# FY16-17 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment				
Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund				
Expenditures	10	20	20	20
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact =	10	20	20	20
(Expenditures – Revenues)				
FTEs	0	0	0	0

# Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding for compensation related costs associated with the delivery of agency services. This amount represents an annual increase of 1.8% for General Fund compensation costs.

# Rationale/Background:

Each year, compensation costs rise due to labor contract settlements, and changes in employer-paid contributions for insurance, FICA, Medicare, retirement, and other factors. Absorbing this increase in compensation costs within existing agency base appropriations results in reduced staffing and/or reduced non-compensation spending.

# Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agencies' general fund budgets for employee wage and benefit costs by 1.8% per year for FY 2016-17. Agencies were instructed to include a 1.8% increase to total compensation each year in their base budgets, based upon the compound annual compensation spending rate increase per FTE over the last ten years for executive branch employees. This recommendation is intended to allow agencies to maintain their current level of agency operations.

For non-General Fund direct appropriated funds, the Governor's budget recommendations also include an adjustment of 1.8% per year, where the amount can be supported by the source of revenue.

# Results:

This proposal is intended to allow agencies to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.

# Statutory Change(s):

N.A.