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Office of Administrative Hearings

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AT A GLANCE

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH):

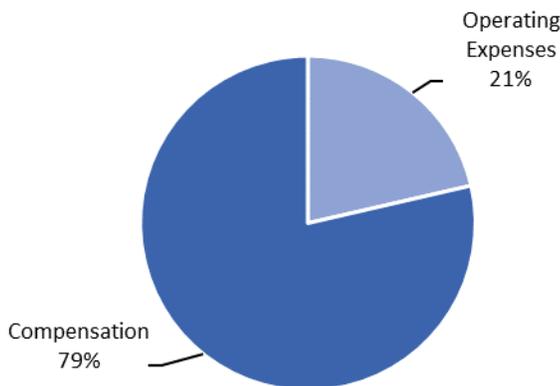
- Annually receives 10,000 workers compensation disputes involving 7,500 workers and their employers, insurers, and medical providers.
- Has served over 250 state agencies and local units of government involving over 200 unique areas of administrative law since the court’s creation in 1975.
- Is the largest of three Executive Branch courts with over sixty full-time equivalents located in St. Paul and Duluth that serve the entire State of Minnesota.

PURPOSE

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) renders justice through fair, timely, and impartial administrative hearings and high-quality dispute resolution services.

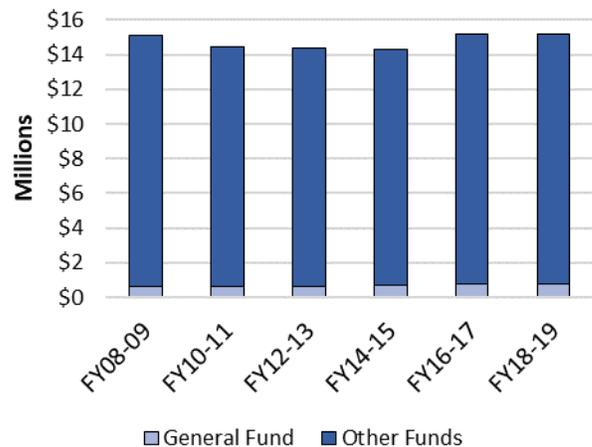
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The agency’s funding comes from three sources:

1. Workers’ Compensation Special Compensation Fund (78% of total funding)
2. Administrative Law Enterprise Fund (15% of total funding)
3. General Fund (7% of total funding)

General fund appropriations of \$400,000 per biennium represent no more than 7% of total agency funding and support a limited scope of work: municipal boundary adjustments, fair campaign practice complaints, and certain data practices matters.

STRATEGIES

OAH is an energetic, responsive, and respected service provider to Minnesotans, state and local governments, and the workers' compensation system.

OAH respects the tenets of procedural fairness in our hearing rooms and workplace:

- **Voice.** We ensure the opportunity for each person to express their own viewpoint.
- **Respect.** We treat everyone with courtesy and dignity.
- **Neutrality.** We apply the laws and rules consistently and fairly.
- **Trust.** We make unbiased and transparent decisions.
- **Understanding.** We communicate in plain language.
- **Helpfulness.** We provide quality services.

We practice these values by:

- Applying the law impartially, competently, and diligently.
- Assisting others in understanding court procedures and processes.
- Fostering understanding of Minnesota's administrative law and workers' compensation laws.
- Fully considering information from everyone involved.
- Listening with a genuine interest in the needs, problems, and concerns of others.
- Promoting equity through the practice of intercultural competency and the elimination of bias.
- Striving to reflect the diversity of Minnesota within our workforce.
- Using a cooperative team approach to solve problems.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Total new workers' compensation cases filed	10,192	9,502	FY19, FY20
Quantity	Total new administrative law cases filed	850	756	FY19, FY20
	Contested cases	572	516	
	Rulemaking matters	101	93	
	Municipal boundary adjustment requests	134	130	
	Unfair campaign practice complaints	43	17	
Result	Percent of all disputes resolved through settlements, promoting control by the parties, certainty, and efficiency	70%	70%	FY19, FY20

The primary legal authority for the Office of Administrative Hearings:

- M.S. 14 Administrative Procedure (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=14>)
- M.S. 115 Water Pollution Control; Sanitary Districts (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=115>)
- M.S. 176 Workers' Compensation (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=176>)
- M.S. 211B Unfair Campaign Practice Complaints (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/211B>)
- M.S. 414 Municipal Boundary Adjustments (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=414>)

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>						
1000 - General	332	368	376	423	400	400
2800 - Environmental	30	49	20	80	50	50
2830 - Workers Compensation	7,219	7,150	6,751	8,911	7,743	7,919
3010 - Coronavirus Relief			6			
5201 - Administrative Hearings	2,727	2,605	2,390	2,778	2,728	2,728
5202 - Workers Comp Transcript	6	2	4	4	4	4
Total	10,314	10,174	9,548	12,196	10,925	11,101
Biennial Change				1,257		282
Biennial % Change				6		1

Expenditures by Program

Administrative Hearings	10,314	10,174	9,548	12,196	10,925	11,101
Total	10,314	10,174	9,548	12,196	10,925	11,101

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	8,088	7,997	7,846	8,362	8,645	8,837
Operating Expenses	2,226	2,176	1,703	3,834	2,280	2,264
Total	10,314	10,174	9,548	12,196	10,925	11,101

Full-Time Equivalents

	63.88	62.03	60.61	63.00	65.00	65.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		67		23		
Direct Appropriation	397	400	400	400	400	400
Cancellations		98				
Balance Forward Out	65		24			
Expenditures	332	368	376	423	400	400
Biennial Change in Expenditures				99		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				14		0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.93	1.48	1.60	1.66	1.66	1.66

2800 - Environmental						
Balance Forward In		20		30		
Transfers In	50	50	50	50	50	50
Cancellations		21				
Balance Forward Out	20		30			
Expenditures	30	49	20	80	50	50
Biennial Change in Expenditures				21		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(0)
Full-Time Equivalents	0.23	0.18	0.06	0.22	0.22	0.22

2830 - Workers Compensation						
Balance Forward In		779		1,080		88
Direct Appropriation	7,787	7,804	7,831	7,831	7,831	7,831
Transfers Out	2					
Cancellations		1,433				
Balance Forward Out	566		1,080		88	
Expenditures	7,219	7,150	6,751	8,911	7,743	7,919
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,293		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				9		0
Full-Time Equivalents	45.13	43.26	43.11	46.25	46.25	46.25

3010 - Coronavirus Relief						
Direct Appropriation			6			
Transfers In			5			

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
Transfers Out			5			
Cancellations			0			
Expenditures			6			
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6		(6)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						

5201 - Administrative Hearings

Balance Forward In	752	807	575	284	85	232
Receipts	2,786	2,363	2,100	2,579	2,875	2,980
Balance Forward Out	812	565	284	85	232	484
Expenditures	2,727	2,605	2,390	2,778	2,728	2,728
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(163)		288
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(3)		6
Full-Time Equivalents	16.54	17.11	15.84	14.87	16.87	16.87

5202 - Workers Comp Transcript

Balance Forward In	49	46	47	45	43	41
Receipts	3	2	2	2	2	2
Balance Forward Out	46	47	45	43	41	39
Expenditures	6	2	4	4	4	4
Biennial Change in Expenditures				0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(1)		1
Full-Time Equivalents	0.05					

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	400	400	400	800
Forecast Base	400	400	400	800
Fund: 2830 - Workers Compensation				
FY2021 Appropriations	7,831	7,831	7,831	15,662
Forecast Base	7,831	7,831	7,831	15,662
Dedicated				
Fund: 5201 - Administrative Hearings				
Planned Spending	2,778	2,728	2,728	5,456
Forecast Base	2,778	2,728	2,728	5,456
Fund: 5202 - Workers Comp Transcript				
Planned Spending	4	4	4	8
Forecast Base	4	4	4	8
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 5201 - Administrative Hearings				
Forecast Revenues	2,579	2,875	2,980	5,855
Fund: 5202 - Workers Comp Transcript				
Forecast Revenues	2	2	2	4
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	33	33	33	66
Fund: 2830 - Workers Compensation				
Forecast Revenues	1	1	1	2