

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Role and Overview

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (SPE) regulates the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology by establishing, promoting, and enforcing practice standards and professional competency among licensees. The vision is for Ohioans to possess maximum communication skills to achieve social and vocational independence. A fundamental component of board's mission to protect Ohio consumers of speech-language pathology and audiology services through regulation of these professions in Ohio. The eight-member board currently licenses approximately 8,100 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, conditional speech-language pathologists, audiology aides, speech-language pathology aides, and student permit holders. Four full-time employees administer board operations, licensing, investigations, and enforcement activities.

More information regarding the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is available at <http://www.slpaud.ohio.gov>.

Agency Priorities

- Ensure the safety and welfare of Ohio consumers receiving speech-language pathology and audiology services through enforcement of the laws and rules for the regulated professions.
- Implement administrative rules adopted to establish guidelines for web-based supervision. These rules will allow speech-language pathologists to utilize technology to leverage limited resources more efficiently when providing direct supervision of conditional licensees.
- Continue to be directly accessible to the public and other interested parties through presentations at universities and conferences regarding the licensure application process, ethical issues facing licensees, and the role of the board.
- Continue to collaborate with the Ohio Department of Education and state universities to support the Student Intern Program to address shortages in difficult-to-staff school districts and to ensure adequate supervision of student permit holders.
- Maintain continued competency and ethical standards among the professions by updating the continuing education requirements.
- Provide updates on licensure issues to the regulated professions.

Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

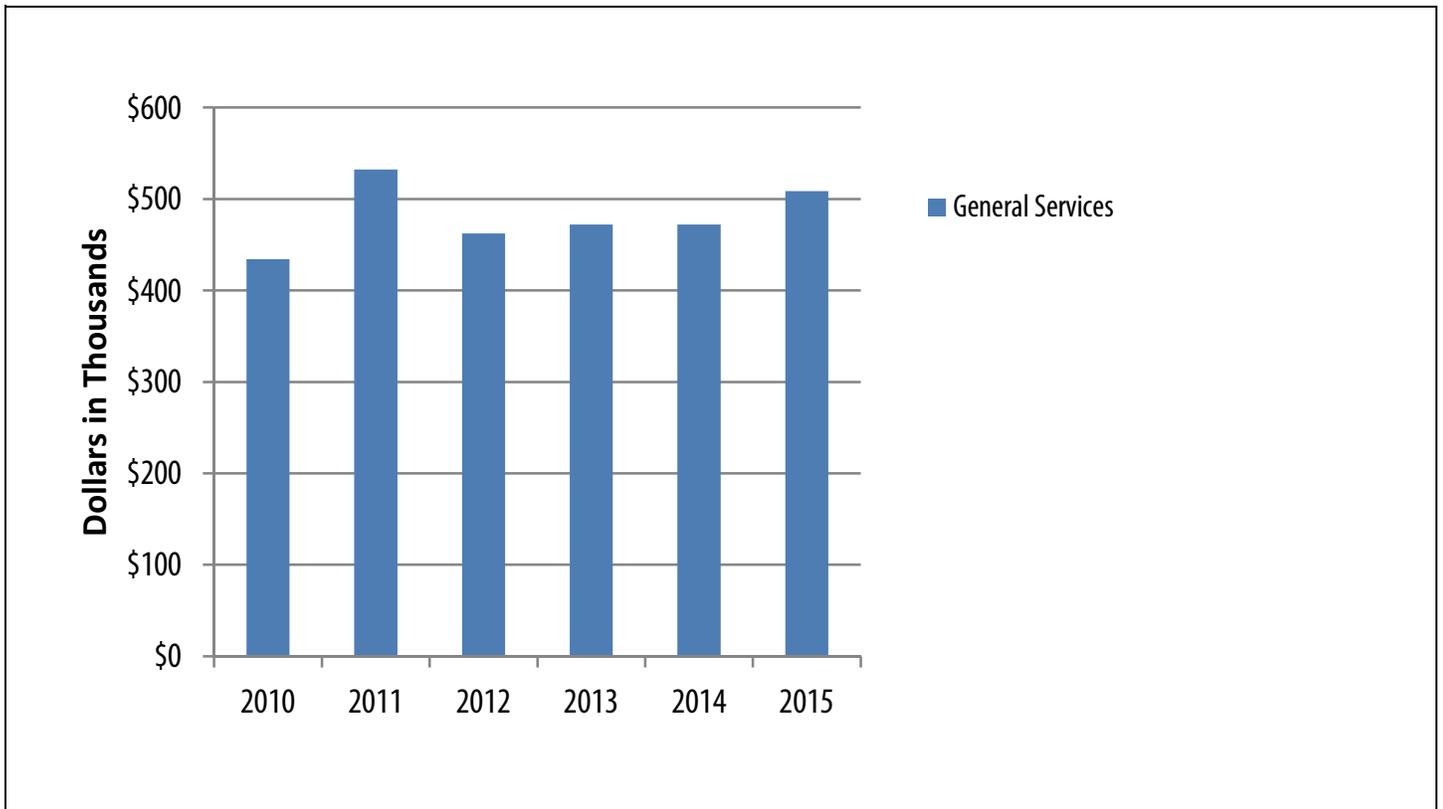
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$472.3 thousand (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$508.7 thousand (or a 7.7% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Ensure all qualified individuals are licensed in an efficient manner so that these licensees, who will be practicing in the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology, may provide services to consumers in Ohio.
- Ensure that all licensees are competent through compliance with the continuing education requirements.
- Ensure complaints are investigated in a timely and efficient manner to ensure the protection, safety, and welfare of Ohio consumers.

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Budget Fund Group Information

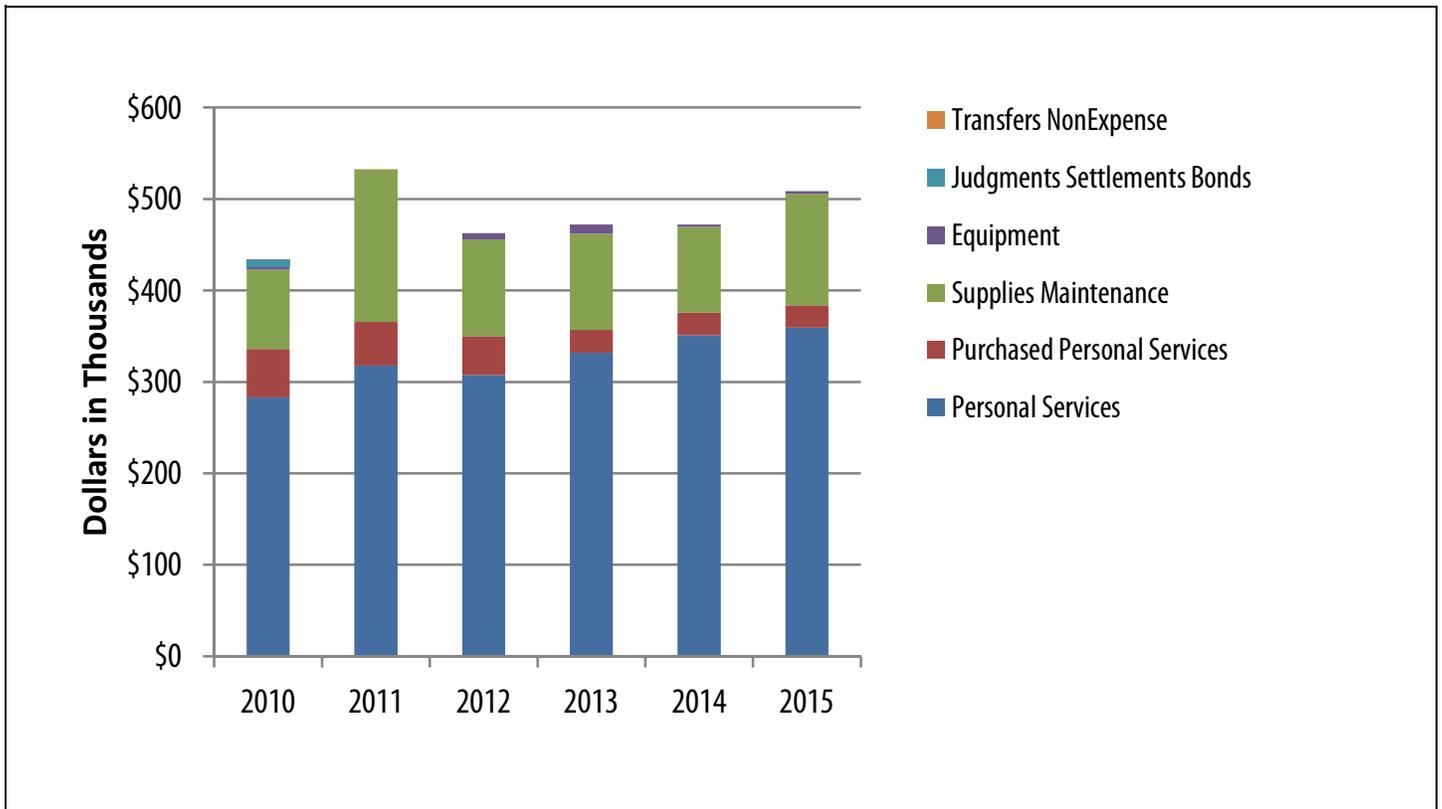


- The increase in General Services appropriation in fiscal year 2015 is to plan for increasing administrative costs and the board's intent to migrate more paper applications to the state's e-license system.

(in Thousands) Budget Fund Group	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Services	434	532	462	472	2.1%	472	0.0%	509	7.7%
Total	434	532	462	472	2.1%	472	0.0%	509	7.7%

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Expense Account Category Information



- In fiscal year 2015, Supplies and Maintenance increases are due to administrative costs.

(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	283	318	307	332	8.0%	351	5.7%	359	2.4%
Purchased Personal Services	53	48	42	25	-41.0%	25	-1.6%	24	-1.3%
Supplies & Maintenance	87	166	106	105	-0.9%	94	-10.4%	122	29.7%
Equipment	3	0	7	10	50.0%	3	-75.0%	3	20.0%
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	9	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	0	0	-300.0%	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total	434	532	462	472	2.1%	472	0.0%	509	7.7%

Program Series 1: Regulation (170A0)

This program series regulates the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. The License/Regulation/Enforcement Program (170B1) licenses approximately 8,100 speech-language professionals and investigates all complaints received alleging misconduct by licensees. The program also audits continuing education and business filings and conducts administrative hearings when proposing to take disciplinary action against a licensee. The program also investigates allegations involving unlicensed practice within the professions and initiates appropriate action to protect consumers.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
4K90	886609	Operating Expenses	472,260	472,260	0.0%	508,660	7.7%
Total for Regulation			472,260	472,260	0.0%	508,660	7.7%

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4K90	886609	Operating Expenses	434,199	532,324	462,476	472,260	472,260	0.0%	508,660	7.7%
Total General Services			434,199	532,324	462,476	472,260	472,260	0.0%	508,660	7.7%
Grand Total Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology			434,199	532,324	462,476	472,260	472,260	0.0%	508,660	7.7%