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DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS REGULATION

Agency Summary

Department of Business Regulation

Agency Mission

To assist, educate, and protect the public through the implementation and enforcement of state laws mandating regulation and licensing of designated businesses, professions, occupations, and other specific activities while recognizing the need to foster a prosperous and sound business environment that serves the public interest.

Agency Description

The Department of Business Regulation's primary function is to implement state laws mandating the regulation and licensing of designated businesses, professions, occupations and other specified activities. The department is composed of seven divisions and Central Management, which includes the budget, regulatory standards, compliance and enforcement. The respective divisions are: Banking, Securities, Insurance, Building, Design and Fire Professionals, Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing, the Office of Cannabis Regulation, and the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner. The Director of Business Regulation is appointed by the Governor and statutorily directs and oversees the Superintendent of Banking and Insurance, and Real Estate, Liquor Control, and Gaming and Athletics Administration.

The Department also houses the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Office of the State Building Commissioner and numerous boards and commissions including the Real Estate Commission, Real Estate Appraisal Board, Rhode Island Board of Accountancy, and the Certified Constables' Board. The Department issues over 200,000 licenses and conducts administrative hearings involving issuances, administrative penalties, denials, suspensions and/or revocations.

Statutory History

The department was established by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1939 and is organized under R.I. General Laws § 42-14-1, et seq

Budget

Department of Business Regulation

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	2,910,334	3,265,143	3,232,684	3,452,857	5,301,153
Banking Regulation	1,591,551	1,615,559	1,695,824	2,000,290	2,005,687
Securities Regulation	764,541	639,081	832,118	811,083	878,630
Insurance Regulation	5,432,057	5,434,217	6,186,021	6,253,238	6,460,978
Board of Accountancy	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing	1,693,977	1,797,900	1,943,356	2,076,298	2,082,482
Office of Health Insurance Commissioner	2,493,508	2,341,795	2,275,805	2,526,204	3,158,151
Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals	7,861,073	8,487,513	8,795,911	9,618,027	12,985,181
Office of Cannabis Regulation	860,322	1,083,314	1,165,441	1,220,618	5,623,590
Total Expenditures	23,612,913	24,669,726	26,133,043	27,964,105	38,501,342
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	17,788,971	18,330,237	19,274,467	20,521,825	22,493,286
Contract Professional Services	2,392,710	3,019,586	2,730,372	2,832,178	3,384,930
Operating Supplies And Expenses	2,834,659	3,068,746	3,856,949	4,279,065	9,208,139
Assistance And Grants	600	1,375	52,517	35,000	285,000
Subtotal: Operating	23,016,940	24,419,945	25,914,305	27,668,068	35,371,355
Capital Purchases And Equipment	523,973	249,601	218,738	296,037	3,129,987
Operating Transfers	72,000	180	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	595,973	249,781	218,738	296,037	3,129,987
Total Expenditures	23,612,913	24,669,726	26,133,043	27,964,105	38,501,342
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	15,696,311	15,221,380	19,239,606	20,790,554	22,949,009
Federal Funds	2,180,159	3,869,737	306,000	498,339	3,191,150
Restricted Receipts	5,325,946	5,513,688	6,519,509	6,603,992	12,141,456
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	410,497	64,921	67,928	71,220	219,727
Total Expenditures	23,612,913	24,669,726	26,133,043	27,964,105	38,501,342
FTE Authorization	161.0	161.0	162.0	162.0	176.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Department of Business Regulation

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified	142.0	10,267,244	156.0	11,845,440
Unclassified	20.0	1,903,944	20.0	1,958,369
Subtotal	162.0	12,171,188	176.0	13,803,809
Transfer Out		(57,016)		0
Overtime		361,973		156,803
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages		19,806		19,922
Turnover		0		(117,772)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment		283,549		0
Total Salaries		12,779,500		13,862,762
Benefits				
Contract Stipends		135,302		174,602
FICA		953,972		1,054,997
Health Benefits		1,824,977		2,204,865
Holiday		393		108
Payroll Accrual		71,065		0
Retiree Health		661,129		620,585
Retirement		3,629,579		4,058,896
Subtotal		7,276,417		8,114,053
Total Salaries and Benefits	162.0	20,055,917	176.0	21,976,815
Cost Per FTE Position		123,802		124,868
Statewide Benefit Assessment		465,908		516,471
Payroll Costs	162.0	20,521,825	176.0	22,493,286
Purchased Services				
Buildings and Ground Maintenance		1,500		1,500
Clerical and Temporary Services		7,648		6,500
Information Technology		47,700		47,700
Management & Consultant Services		2,286,530		2,304,530
Medical Services		10,650		5,650
Other Contracts		61,800		602,700
Training and Educational Services		416,350		416,350
Subtotal		2,832,178		3,384,930
Total Personnel	162.0	23,354,003	176.0	25,878,216
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	133.0	17,555,888	135.0	17,767,810
Federal Funds	2.0	320,439	1.0	927,667
Restricted Receipts	27.0	5,406,456	40.0	7,113,012
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	71,220	0.0	69,727
Total All Funds	162.0	23,354,003	176.0	25,878,216

Performance Measures

Department of Business Regulation

Timeliness of Banking Division License Issuance

The figures below represent the average amount of time it takes the Banking Division to issue a license. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target		-5	65	50	30	30
Actual		19.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	

OHIC- Small Group Market Average Premium Change

Average change in the small group market premiums measured by the Calibrated Plan Adjusted Index Rate (CPAIR) which represents the weighted average base rate across all small group market plan designs calibrated (or normalized) for rating factors. The average change is a weighted average that is weighted by enrollment which will significantly improve future performance data monitoring. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target		0.00%	7.50%	7.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Actual		5.90%	1.90%	0.00%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Individual Market Average Premium Change

Average change in the individual market premiums measured by the Calibrated Plan Adjusted Index Rate (CPAIR) which represents the weighted average base rate across all individual market plan designs calibrated (or normalized) for rating factors. The average change is a weighted average that is weighted by enrollment.

. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target		0.00%	8.00%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Actual		-0.70%	6.10%	0.00%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Department of Business Regulation

Insurance Examiner Utilization Rate

The figures below represent the utilization rate for insurance examiners, calculated by dividing the hours billed to domestic insurance companies by the total hours examiners are available to work. This measure includes only examiner positions whose time is heavily weighted towards examinations with minimal administrative functions. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	140.00%	145.00%	70.00%	70.00%
Actual	64.39%	96.59%	0.00%	0.00%	

Customer Satisfaction

The figures below represent average customer satisfaction across the Department, measured through surveys that contain multiple questions to solicit ratings of 1 to 5 that aggregate to a possible perfect score of 100. [Notes: The 2019 target has been revised. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	185.00	186.00	95.00	95.00
Actual	90.03	185.88	0.00	0.00	

Business Environment Index

This performance measure assesses the average respondent's assessment of the Rhode Island business environment, measured through surveys that contain multiple questions to solicit ratings of 1 to 5 that aggregate to a possible perfect score of 100. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00	180.00	180.00	90.00	90.00
Actual	88.40	179.50	0.00	0.00	

Timeliness of Complaint Resolution

The figures below represent the average amount of time it takes across the Department to resolve complaints. [Notes: The 2019 target has been revised. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0	10	10	5	5
Actual	3.00	8.83	0.00	0.00	

Performance Measures

Department of Business Regulation

OHIC -- Insurer Surplus as a Percentage of Revenue (SAPOR)

Surplus as a Percent of Revenue (SAPOR) is the industry standard measure of health insurer financial stability. The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) tracks SAPOR in support of its legislative mandate to monitor insurer solvency. The figures below represent the straight average (unweighted by membership) of insurer SAPOR. Because SAPOR targets vary by insurance company, the targets below are averages for companies operating in the Rhode Island market. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Actual	17.51%	35.78%	18.41%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Value-Based Alternative Payments

The figures below represent the use of value-based alternative payment models as percent of insured medical payments. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Actual	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Large Group Premium Base Rates

The figures below represent the average approved large group premium expected overall average premium trend. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	8.00%	8.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Actual	9.10%	7.70%	5.40%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Individual Market Average Premium Change

Average change in the individual market premiums measured by the Calibrated Plan Adjusted Index Rate (CPAIR) which represents the weighted average base rate across all individual market plan designs calibrated (or normalized) for rating factors. The average change is a weighted average that is weighted by enrollment.

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target	0.00%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Actual	0.00%	4.00%	2.10%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

Department of Business Regulation

OHIC -- Small Group Market Average Premium Change

Average change in the small group market premiums measured by the Calibrated Plan Adjusted Index Rate (CPAIR) which represents the weighted average base rate across all small group market plan designs calibrated (or normalized) for rating factors. The average change is a weighted average that is weighted by enrollment.

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>					
	<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Target		0.00%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Actual		0.00%	1.90%	0.30%	0.00%	

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Central Management

Mission

To administer the functions for the department with regard to the licensing and regulation of designated businesses, occupations and professions through the enforcement of applicable state laws.

Description

Central Management is composed of the Director's Office, budget, regulatory standards, compliance and enforcement. Specific functions include legal research, drafting and analysis of legislation, issuance of legal opinions related to the department's operations, conducting administrative and rate hearings, and providing legal services to the Director, Deputy Directors, and advising the other commissions housed within the department. Central Management compiles, submits and monitors budgets of the respective divisions, approves vouchers and contracts, and provides all personnel and management services. The Director issues show cause and cease and desist orders; renders decisions relative to the operations of financial institutions and insurance companies; has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke licenses and approve or disapprove rates; and acts as receiver in case of insolvency of certain regulated entities. The Director or his/her designee may be a member of various occupational licensing boards and commissions assigned to the department by the legislature in order to assist in the administration and regulation of licensing programs. The Director is also a member of such diverse administrative bodies such as the Board of Bank Incorporation and the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation. Central Management is also responsible for monitoring legislation impacting the department and for the annual submission of its own legislative program.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 42-14-1 establishes the Director as head of the department. RIGL § 42-14-2 enumerates the functions of the department regarding the regulation of assigned occupations, businesses, and professions.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Central Management

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	2,910,334	3,265,143	3,232,684	3,452,857	5,301,153
Total Expenditures	2,910,334	3,265,143	3,232,684	3,452,857	5,301,153
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,551,081	1,589,315	1,639,981	1,728,359	1,719,835
Contract Professional Services	35,371	37,007	30,758	41,800	32,700
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,309,231	1,634,077	1,559,908	1,680,661	3,546,581
Subtotal: Operating	2,895,683	3,260,399	3,230,647	3,450,820	5,299,116
Capital Purchases and Equipment	14,651	4,744	2,037	2,037	2,037
Subtotal: Other	14,651	4,744	2,037	2,037	2,037
Total Expenditures	2,910,334	3,265,143	3,232,684	3,452,857	5,301,153
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	2,623,307	2,915,094	3,232,684	3,452,857	3,801,190
Federal Funds	287,027	350,049	0	0	1,499,963
Total Expenditures	2,910,334	3,265,143	3,232,684	3,452,857	5,301,153

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Central Management

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FINANCIAL AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	00141A	1.0	116,393	1.0	119,303
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE	00141A	1.0	116,394	1.0	119,303
DEPUTY CHIEF OF LEGAL SERVICES	00137A	3.0	288,505	3.0	301,358
FISCAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00126A	1.0	73,193	1.0	78,666
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	00139A	1.0	110,910	1.0	113,683
LEGAL ASSISTANT	00119A	1.0	46,511	1.0	48,739
PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST	00138A	1.0	100,251	1.0	104,665
Subtotal Classified		9.0	852,157	9.0	885,717
Unclassified					
DIRECTOR- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	0945KF	1.0	141,831	1.0	145,377
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	00819A	1.0	53,442	1.0	54,779
PROGRAM MANAGER	00828A	1.0	92,787	1.0	95,021
Subtotal Unclassified		3.0	288,060	3.0	295,177
Subtotal		12.0	1,140,217	12.0	1,180,894
Transfer Out			(69,138)		(71,417)
Turnover			0		(12,812)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			25,154		0
Total Salaries			1,096,233		1,096,665
Benefits					
FICA			83,774		83,895
Health Benefits			124,978		130,780
Payroll Accrual			6,241		0
Retiree Health			57,933		49,130
Retirement			315,757		316,048
Subtotal			588,683		579,853
Total Salaries and Benefits		12.0	1,684,916	12.0	1,676,518
Cost Per FTE Position			140,410		139,710
Statewide Benefit Assessment			43,443		43,317
Payroll Costs		12.0	1,728,359	12.0	1,719,835
Purchased Services					
Other Contracts			41,800		32,700
Subtotal			41,800		32,700

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Central Management

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Total Personnel	12.0	1,770,159	12.0	1,752,535
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	12.0	1,770,159	12.0	1,752,535
Total All Funds	12.0	1,770,159	12.0	1,752,535

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Banking Regulation

Mission

To charter, license and ensure compliance with statutory requirements for the safe and sound operation of regulated financial institutions, Rhode Island bank holding companies, credit unions and licensees in order to protect the public interest. The Banking Division seeks to create a sound financial services industry in the State of Rhode Island by being both a regulator and an advocate. We have interpreted that to mean fostering the growth of a diverse and resilient financial services industry that provides credit to all corners of Rhode Island, holds the confidence of its customers, and whom we do not prevent from competing, innovating, and thriving. We believe that sound and prudent regulation creates a level playing field on which our financial institutions can thrive while at the same time providing protection to Rhode Island consumers.

Description

The Banking Division provides regulatory oversight of state-chartered banks, state chartered credit unions and Rhode Island bank holding companies through financial examinations and reviews to determine compliance with state banking laws, financial solvency, and safety and soundness. The Division is also responsible for regulating, monitoring and examining other licensees, including almost 2,200 mortgage loan originators and approximately 1,100 companies licensed as debt collectors, third party loan servicers, lenders, loan brokers, small loan lenders, sellers of checks, electronic money transmitters, check cashers and debt-management companies. The purpose of examinations are to determine financial solvency and compliance with Rhode Island banking laws and regulations for the protection of depositors and the public. The Division reviews and conducts hearings on applications filed by financial institutions and other licensees. The Division enforces statutes relating to maximum interest charges and state usury laws and conducts administrative hearings when required. Additional responsibilities include investigating and resolving several hundred consumer complaints and inquiries each year.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 19-1 to § 19-14.10 charge the Division of Banking with the regulation, licensing, or registration of financial institutions, Rhode Island bank holding companies, credit unions and licensees (lenders, loan brokers, small loan lenders, mortgage loan originators, foreign exchange transaction businesses, sellers of checks, electronic money transmitters, check cashers, and debt management companies and debt collectors.)

RIGL § 6-26 to § 6-27 relate to Interest, Usury and Truth in Lending.

RIGL § 34-23 to § 34-27 relate to Mortgages. RIGL § 19-14.3 to § 19-14.8 relate to the Sale of Checks, Electronic Money Transfers, Foreign Exchange Transactions, Insurance Premium Finance Agreements and Debt Management Companies. RIGL §19-14.9 relates to the registration of debt collectors.

RIGL § 19-14.10 relates to the licensing and supervision of mortgage loan originators.

RIGL § 19-14.11 relates to the licensing of third-party loan servicers.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Banking Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	1,591,551	1,615,559	1,695,824	2,000,290	2,005,687
Total Expenditures	1,591,551	1,615,559	1,695,824	2,000,290	2,005,687
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,518,064	1,566,880	1,603,023	1,921,640	1,930,887
Contract Professional Services	0	0	1,360	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	70,377	48,679	86,441	73,650	69,800
Subtotal: Operating	1,588,441	1,615,559	1,690,824	1,995,290	2,000,687
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,110	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Subtotal: Other	3,110	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	1,591,551	1,615,559	1,695,824	2,000,290	2,005,687
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,503,708	1,578,594	1,620,824	1,936,790	1,942,687
Federal Funds	27,297	0	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	60,546	36,965	75,000	63,500	63,000
Total Expenditures	1,591,551	1,615,559	1,695,824	2,000,290	2,005,687

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Banking Regulation

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF EXAMINATIONS	0AB35A	3.0	301,602	3.0	308,971
BANK EXAMINER	0AB24A	3.0	182,797	3.0	205,470
FISCAL OFFICER (DBR)	0AB17A	1.0	43,907	1.0	45,885
LICENSING AIDE	0AB15A	1.0	47,199	1.0	48,322
PRINCIPAL BANK EXAMINER	0AB31A	1.0	81,418	1.0	83,396
SENIOR BANK EXAMINER	0AB28A	5.0	355,338	5.0	366,020
STATE CHIEF BANK EXAMINER	00139A	1.0	119,293	1.0	122,198
Subtotal Classified		15.0	1,131,554	15.0	1,180,262
Subtotal		15.0	1,131,554	15.0	1,180,262
Turnover			0		(12,812)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			24,014		0
Total Salaries			1,155,568		1,167,450
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			21,000		21,000
FICA			89,908		89,888
Health Benefits			197,298		206,465
Payroll Accrual			6,729		0
Retiree Health			62,170		53,241
Retirement			342,350		345,899
Subtotal			719,455		716,493
Total Salaries and Benefits		15.0	1,875,023	15.0	1,883,943
Cost Per FTE Position			125,002		125,596
Statewide Benefit Assessment			46,617		46,944
Payroll Costs		15.0	1,921,640	15.0	1,930,887
Total Personnel		15.0	1,921,640	15.0	1,930,887
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		15.0	1,921,640	15.0	1,930,887
Total All Funds		15.0	1,921,640	15.0	1,930,887

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Securities Regulation

Mission

To enforce compliance with the applicable provisions of state laws and regulations related to the securities industry, franchises, charities, fund-raisers, and time-shares.

Description

Securities Regulation is responsible for the registration of certain securities, the licensing and regulation of broker-dealers, sales representatives, certain investment advisers and certain investment adviser representatives. The division is also responsible for enforcing compliance with the state's Franchise Investment Act, the registration of charitable organizations and fundraising groups, and the state's Real Estate Time-Share Act.

Statutory History

The division is charged with the administration and enforcement of the Rhode Island Uniform Securities Act ("RIUSA"), R.I. General Laws § 7-11; the Franchise Investment Act, § 19-28.1; the Charitable Solicitation Act, § 5-53.1; and the Real Estate Time-Share Act, § 34-41.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Securities Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	764,541	639,081	832,118	811,083	878,630
Total Expenditures	764,541	639,081	832,118	811,083	878,630
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	684,650	628,904	802,891	781,162	853,830
Operating Supplies and Expenses	7,891	10,177	29,227	28,421	24,800
Subtotal: Operating	692,541	639,081	832,118	809,583	878,630
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	0	1,500	0
Operating Transfers	72,000	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	72,000	0	0	1,500	0
Total Expenditures	764,541	639,081	832,118	811,083	878,630
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	730,282	627,785	817,118	796,083	863,630
Federal Funds	34,304	11,296	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	(46)	(0)	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Expenditures	764,541	639,081	832,118	811,083	878,630

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Securities Regulation

	FY 2022		FY 2023		
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost	
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0AB21A	1.0	51,482	1.0	54,779
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE	00141A	1.0	115,359	1.0	119,303
LICENSING AIDE	0AB15A	1.0	44,762	1.0	46,022
PRINCIPAL SECURITIES EXAMINER	0AB31A	1.0	71,977	1.0	76,352
SECURITIES EXAMINER	0AB24A	2.0	85,011	2.0	119,649
SENIOR SECURITIES EXAMINER	0AB28A	1.0	63,296	1.0	67,191
Subtotal Classified		7.0	431,887	7.0	483,296
Subtotal		7.0	431,887	7.0	483,296
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			8,880		0
Total Salaries			440,767		483,296
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			7,500		9,000
FICA			34,239		37,661
Health Benefits			124,645		139,559
Payroll Accrual			2,564		0
Retiree Health			23,685		22,054
Retirement			130,003		142,816
Subtotal			322,636		351,090
Total Salaries and Benefits		7.0	763,403	7.0	834,386
Cost Per FTE Position			109,058		119,198
Statewide Benefit Assessment			17,759		19,444
Payroll Costs		7.0	781,162	7.0	853,830
Total Personnel		7.0	781,162	7.0	853,830
Distribution by Source of Funds					
General Revenue		7.0	781,162	7.0	853,830
Total All Funds		7.0	781,162	7.0	853,830

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Insurance Regulation

Mission

To monitor effectively the financial condition and market conduct activities of insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Rhode Island. To monitor activities of all licensees such as producers, adjusters and appraisers. To ensure consumer access to an equitable insurance market and respond to consumer inquiries and investigate complaints to ensure consumers are treated fairly.

Description

The Insurance Division is responsible for conducting financial examinations of the 27 domestic insurance companies to ensure financial solvency and is also responsible for overseeing the market conduct of domestic or foreign insurance companies to ensure compliance with the insurance statutes and regulations. The Division also performs several licensing functions including, but not limited to, the licensing of over 1,300 insurance companies, over 120,000 insurance producers, adjusters and appraisers.

The program also reviews rate and form filings for the Life, Accident and Health, and Property and Casualty lines of business for compliance with state statutes and regulations, and addresses consumer complaints for these lines of business. The program monitors and introduces legislation in order to protect consumers and maintain accreditation by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which it initially received in June of 1993. The division was reaccredited in December 1998, December 2003, June 2009, and in June 2014, each time receiving the maximum accreditation period of five years.

Statutory History

All chapters of R.I. General Laws § 27-1, RIGL § 42-14, and § 28-29 through § 28-38, and all Insurance Division regulations.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Insurance Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	5,432,057	5,434,217	6,186,021	6,253,238	6,460,978
Total Expenditures	5,432,057	5,434,217	6,186,021	6,253,238	6,460,978
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	3,975,615	3,944,211	4,361,281	4,431,077	4,648,860
Contract Professional Services	1,260,654	1,366,038	1,635,421	1,635,421	1,634,273
Operating Supplies and Expenses	191,622	94,387	185,819	175,740	174,345
Subtotal: Operating	5,427,891	5,404,635	6,182,521	6,242,238	6,457,478
Capital Purchases and Equipment	4,166	29,582	3,500	11,000	3,500
Subtotal: Other	4,166	29,582	3,500	11,000	3,500
Total Expenditures	5,432,057	5,434,217	6,186,021	6,253,238	6,460,978
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,720,950	3,557,891	4,152,139	4,206,469	4,419,316
Federal Funds	137,856	209,716	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	1,573,250	1,666,609	2,033,882	2,046,769	2,041,662
Total Expenditures	5,432,057	5,434,217	6,186,021	6,253,238	6,460,978

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Insurance Regulation

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00121A	1.0	64,952	1.0	66,552
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE	00141A	1.0	142,004	1.0	145,496
CHIEF INSURANCE EXAMINER	00139A	1.0	110,910	1.0	113,683
CHIEF LIFE- ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE ANALYST	00137A	2.0	198,711	2.0	206,033
CHIEF OF LEGAL SERVICES	00139A	1.0	105,629	1.0	108,270
DEPUTY CHIEF OF LEGAL SERVICES	00137A	1.0	89,147	1.0	94,701
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SERVICE (DBR)	00146A	1.0	161,873	1.0	165,813
FISCAL OFFICER (DBR)	0AB17A	1.0	50,063	1.0	52,389
INSURANCE ANALYST	0AB24A	3.0	169,192	3.0	176,886
INSURANCE EXAMINER	0AB24A	4.0	126,559	4.0	230,018
INSURANCE EXAMINER-IN-CHARGE	0AB36A	4.0	394,512	4.0	410,482
LEGAL COUNSEL	00132A	0.0	0	0.0	0
LICENSING AIDE	00315A	1.0	41,686	1.0	43,590
LICENSING COORDINATOR (INSURANCE PROD- APPRAIS & ADJUST)	0AB22A	1.0	50,032	1.0	52,690
PRINCIPAL INSURANCE ANALYST	0AB31A	2.0	171,425	2.0	178,155
PRINCIPAL INSURANCE EXAMINER	0AB31A	1.0	75,680	1.0	80,150
SENIOR ACCOUNTANT	0AB23A	1.0	63,560	1.0	65,150
SENIOR INSURANCE EXAMINER	0AB28A	9.0	613,147	9.0	662,467
Subtotal Classified		35.0	2,629,082	35.0	2,852,525
Subtotal		35.0	2,629,082	35.0	2,852,525
Turnover			0		(25,625)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			61,008		0
Total Salaries			2,690,090		2,826,900
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			34,500		40,500
FICA			207,343		218,491
Health Benefits			440,956		488,542
Payroll Accrual			15,545		0
Retiree Health			143,981		128,458
Retirement			790,694		832,705
Subtotal			1,633,019		1,708,696
Total Salaries and Benefits		35.0	4,323,109	35.0	4,535,596
Cost Per FTE Position			123,517		129,588

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Insurance Regulation

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Statewide Benefit Assessment		107,968		113,264
Payroll Costs	35.0	4,431,077	35.0	4,648,860
Purchased Services				
Clerical and Temporary Services		2,648		1,500
Management & Consultant Services		1,622,773		1,622,773
Training and Educational Services		10,000		10,000
Subtotal		1,635,421		1,634,273
Total Personnel	35.0	6,066,498	35.0	6,283,133
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	34.0	4,157,504	34.0	4,371,746
Restricted Receipts	1.0	1,908,994	1.0	1,911,387
Total All Funds	35.0	6,066,498	35.0	6,283,133

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Board of Accountancy

Mission

The board intends to continue to intensify its analysis of continuing education records, as well as firm compliance with peer reviews, to efficiently process license renewals and responses, and to commence and resolve disciplinary actions efficiently and promptly.

Description

The Board of Accountancy is an autonomous board that is responsible for the administration of the licensing of certified public accountants, public accountants, partnerships, corporations, and sole proprietorships. It processes applications and fees, and issues initial certificates and permits to regulated business, occupations and professions. The board is responsible for governing the conduct of assigned licensees in order to comply with statutory provisions of the law and to promote the continued welfare of the general public. This includes recommending approval, denial, suspension or revocation of licenses or the imposition of such sanctions or penalties allowed by law. Hearings are held when required in order to resolve complaints and to act upon the denial, suspension or revocation of licenses. The board investigates complaints from the general public in all areas of licensing addressed above. Board personnel oversee the analysis of each CPA or PA application prior to Board review. In addition, Board personnel provide the general public with application and licensing information regarding all certified public accountants and public accountants and update monthly the listing of individual licensees and CPA firms on the DBR website, which facilitates information to the general public.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 5-3.1, et seq. (1956) relate to the Board of Accountancy.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Board of Accountancy

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Total Expenditures	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Expenditures by Object					
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Subtotal: Operating	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Total Expenditures	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490
Total Expenditures	5,550	5,204	5,883	5,490	5,490

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing

Mission

To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of occupational licensing programs and inspections in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. To enforce, adjust, amend, and interpret all rules and regulations of all professional boxing, and mixed martial arts events in the state.

Description

Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing is responsible for the licensing and regulation of real estate agents, brokers and appraisers, auto body and salvage re-builder shops, auto wrecking and salvage yards, glass installation, auctioneers, liquor wholesalers, manufacturers, breweries, wineries, farmer wineries, brew pubs, brew on premise, salespersons (representing wholesalers) and agents (representing manufacturers and distillers), Class G (boat/airline/railroad) license holders, line-cleaners, class P caterer, and mobile and manufactured homes and parks and the enforcement of unit pricing, motor fuel advertising and health club pre-opening laws. The division is also responsible for supervising the enforcement of laws related to licensing and regulation of gaming and athletics licensing activities, including boxing, and mixed martial arts and simulcast wagering and the accounting and collection of racing taxes and fees as specified by state law. The division is also responsible for the licensing, registration and oversight of Medical Marijuana Program participants who commercially produce, manufacture, or sell medical marijuana and industrial hemp. The program provides the general public with application and licensing information for various occupations, businesses and professions. It investigates complaints received from the general public in all areas of licensing. The division also oversees simulcast wagering operations at the Twin River and Newport Grand facilities and conducts and participates in hearings, collects tax revenue and issues occupational licenses.

Statutory History

R.I. General Law § 5-58 relates to auctioneers; § 5-20.5 relates to real estate; § 5-20.7 relates to real estate appraisers; § 5-38 relates to automobile body repair shops; § 5-50 relates to pre-opening of health club sales campaigns; § 6-31 relates to unit pricing; § 23-26 relates to bedding and upholstered furniture; § 31-44 and § 31-44.1 relate to mobile and manufactured homes; § 42-14.2 relates to auto wrecking and salvage yards; § 31-37 relates to advertising and sale of motor fuel at retail; § 31-46-7 relates to auto body salvage re-builders' licenses; and § 3-1 relates to alcoholic beverages. RIGL § 21-28.6 relates to the Medical Marijuana Program; § 2-26 relates to industrial hemp. RIGL § 41-1 Sports, Racing, and Athletics. On 8/11/2016 the statute was amended to Division of Gaming and Athletics Licensing.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	1,693,977	1,797,900	1,943,356	2,076,298	2,082,482
Total Expenditures	1,693,977	1,797,900	1,943,356	2,076,298	2,082,482
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,620,596	1,729,516	1,791,353	1,939,776	1,936,474
Contract Professional Services	900	0	1,040	0	0
Operating Supplies and Expenses	72,481	68,384	127,762	115,522	124,758
Assistance and Grants	0	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
Subtotal: Operating	1,693,977	1,797,900	1,940,155	2,075,298	2,081,232
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	3,201	1,000	1,250
Subtotal: Other	0	0	3,201	1,000	1,250
Total Expenditures	1,693,977	1,797,900	1,943,356	2,076,298	2,082,482
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	880,793	949,609	1,053,287	1,171,655	1,167,550
Federal Funds	126,447	135,259	0	0	0
Restricted Receipts	686,736	713,033	890,069	904,643	914,932
Total Expenditures	1,693,977	1,797,900	1,943,356	2,076,298	2,082,482

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATOR REAL ESTATE	00135A	1.0	104,776	1.0	107,304
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0AB21A	1.0	52,970	1.0	55,905
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE	00141A	1.0	136,376	1.0	139,722
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	1.0	62,640	1.0	66,475
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	0AB28A	1.0	79,606	1.0	84,688
CHIEF PUBLIC PROTECTION INSPECTOR	0AB32A	1.0	86,318	1.0	88,476
ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST I	00130A	1.0	68,562	1.0	72,809
FISCAL OFFICER (DBR)	0AB17A	1.0	43,533	1.0	45,556
GAMING & ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATOR	00137A	1.0	100,103	1.0	106,245
LICENSING AIDE	0AB15A	1.0	44,031	1.0	46,022
PARI-MUTUEL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	03726A	3.0	188,316	3.0	179,062
SYSTEMS ANALYST	0AB24A	1.0	62,976	1.0	64,550
Subtotal Classified		14.0	1,030,207	14.0	1,056,814
Unclassified					
FISCAL CLERK	00814A	1.0	42,594	1.0	44,520
Subtotal Unclassified		1.0	42,594	1.0	44,520
Subtotal		15.0	1,072,801	15.0	1,101,334
Transfer In			69,138		71,417
Overtime			1,627		1,615
Seasonal/Special Salaries/Wages			19,806		19,922
Turnover			0		(10,763)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			25,963		0
Total Salaries			1,189,335		1,183,525
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			13,500		13,500
FICA			91,815		91,450
Health Benefits			185,981		194,511
Holiday			108		108
Payroll Accrual			6,499		0
Retiree Health			62,429		52,663
Retirement			343,299		354,286
Subtotal			703,631		706,518
Total Salaries and Benefits		15.0	1,892,966	15.0	1,890,043
Cost Per FTE Position			126,198		126,003

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Statewide Benefit Assessment		46,810		46,431
Payroll Costs	15.0	1,939,776	15.0	1,936,474
Total Personnel	15.0	1,939,776	15.0	1,936,474
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	9.0	1,152,830	9.0	1,147,375
Restricted Receipts	6.0	786,946	6.0	789,099
Total All Funds	15.0	1,939,776	15.0	1,936,474

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

Mission

The State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) seeks to: (1) improve health care access, affordability, and quality. OHIC does so as it: (1) protects the interest of consumers of commercial health insurance, (2) encourages fair treatment of health care providers by commercial health insurers, (3) improves the health care system as a whole, and (4) guards the solvency of commercial health insurers.

Description

OHIC is a commercial health insurance policy reform and regulatory enforcement agency. The office's functions include; health insurance rate review, health insurance form review, network plan certification, benefit determination and utilization review agent certification, consumer and provider complaint resolution, market conduct examinations, and regulation and sub-regulatory guidance development.

Statutory History

OHIC was established in 2004 in State of Rhode Island General Laws RIGL §42-14.5-1. RIGL §42-14.5-2 provides that with respect to health insurance, the health insurance commissioner shall discharge the powers and duties of office to: (1) guard the solvency of health insurers, (2) protect the interests of consumers (3) encourage fair treatment of health care providers, (4) courage policies and developments that improve the quality and efficiency of health care service delivery and outcomes (5) view the health care system as a comprehensive entity and encourage and direct insurers towards policies that advance the welfare of the public through overall efficiency, improved health care quality, and appropriate access.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Operations	2,493,508	2,341,795	2,275,805	2,526,204	3,158,151
Total Expenditures	2,493,508	2,341,795	2,275,805	2,526,204	3,158,151
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	1,715,715	1,595,023	1,576,980	1,773,979	1,865,200
Contract Professional Services	707,073	670,862	595,757	643,757	1,161,757
Operating Supplies and Expenses	69,154	75,909	103,068	108,468	131,194
Subtotal: Operating	2,491,941	2,341,795	2,275,805	2,526,204	3,158,151
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,567	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	1,567	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	2,493,508	2,341,795	2,275,805	2,526,204	3,158,151
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,614,244	1,663,083	1,659,713	1,724,555	1,752,447
Federal Funds	450,654	195,689	120,000	263,728	872,887
Restricted Receipts	428,609	483,022	496,092	537,921	532,817
Total Expenditures	2,493,508	2,341,795	2,275,805	2,526,204	3,158,151

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00722A	1.0	58,956	1.0	62,272
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING- POLICY & REGULATION	00843A	1.0	152,089	1.0	155,891
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/CHIEF OF STAFF	00841A	2.0	270,618	2.0	284,007
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	00836A	1.0	107,476	1.0	110,162
HEALTH ECONOMIC SPECIALIST	00831A	1.0	85,510	1.0	87,648
HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	00854A	1.0	221,144	1.0	226,673
PRINCIPAL POLICY ASSOCIATE	00837A	2.0	159,993	1.0	108,535
SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	00839A	1.0	56,601	1.0	111,085
SENIOR POLICY ANALYST/PUBLIC INFORMATION	00831A	1.0	85,510	1.0	87,648
ZFTE RECONCILIATION TO AUTHORIZATION (UNCLASSIFIED)	00000A	0.0	0	1.0	0
Subtotal Unclassified		11.0	1,197,897	11.0	1,233,921
Subtotal		11.0	1,197,897	11.0	1,233,921
Transfer Out			(57,016)		0
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			26,250		0
Total Salaries			1,167,131		1,233,921
Benefits					
FICA			84,198		89,421
Health Benefits			69,050		79,832
Payroll Accrual			6,661		0
Retiree Health			61,678		55,280
Retirement			339,011		358,005
Subtotal			560,598		582,538
Total Salaries and Benefits		11.0	1,727,729	11.0	1,816,459
Cost Per FTE Position			157,066		165,133
Statewide Benefit Assessment			46,250		48,741
Payroll Costs		11.0	1,773,979	11.0	1,865,200
Purchased Services					
Management & Consultant Services			643,757		661,757
Other Contracts			0		500,000
Subtotal			643,757		1,161,757
Total Personnel		11.0	2,417,736	11.0	3,026,957

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	6.0	1,665,784	7.0	1,671,295
Federal Funds	2.0	258,328	1.0	861,867
Restricted Receipts	3.0	493,624	3.0	493,795
Total All Funds	11.0	2,417,736	11.0	3,026,957

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals

Mission

To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of occupational licensing programs and inspections in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

Description

The Building, Design and Fire Professionals division's purpose is to streamline the state review, regulation, and enforcement for all professions related to building and construction design, inspection, and enforcement of the building and fire codes. The Division is comprised of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review (FSCBAR), the State Building Office (SBO), which includes the Building Code Commission (BCC), the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board (CRLB), the Boards of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, the Board of Examination and Registration of Architects, and the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects.

The OSFM has four units: investigations, inspections, plan review, and the Rhode Island State Bomb Squad (Squad). The investigations unit is responsible for conducting fire investigations where arson is suspected, and/or an injury or death has occurred. The Squad is responsible for responding to, mitigating, and investigating all incidents involving explosive materials. The Squad also provides tactical assistance to Federal, State, and local law enforcement entities. The inspections & plan review units work collaboratively and are responsible for reviewing construction plans, issuing building permits and inspecting new and remodeled structures relating to fire safety.

The FSCBAR is charged with the development and administrative review of a comprehensive fire safety code covering the State. Furthermore, the FSCBAR evaluates the proposed use of new fire-related technologies and provides the OSFM, other state agencies and all municipal fire departments with legal, regulatory and technical information.

The SBO is comprised of the BCC which establishes the minimum requirements necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare in the built environment by promulgating model building codes, and conducts plan reviews, inspects and issues building permits on all state-owned buildings; the CRLB which is tasked with the registration and regulation of all contractors, and the licensing and regulation of eight professions in the construction industry, taking administrative action against persons who violate applicable laws and regulations and providing consumer protection through a dispute resolution process; and the Engineers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects and Architects Boards for which the Division is responsible for enforcing the laws and regulations applicable to each of those professions.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 5-65-15.1 establishes the duties, authority and responsibility of the State Building Commission. RIGL § 5-65 et al., establishes and sets the legislative operating authority for the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board. RIGL § 23-28.3-1 governs the Fire Code Board of Appeal and Review. RIGL § 23-28 establishes the Rhode Island State Fire Marshal and defines its duties.

RIGL § 5-8.1 establishes the Boards of Engineers Land Surveyors, RIGL § 5-1 establishes the Board of Architects. RIGL § 5-51 establishes the Board of Landscape Architects.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Contractor's Registration and Licensing Board	1,312,210	2,058,879	1,253,342	1,225,527	1,370,880
Fire Code Board of Appeal and Review	326,419	353,103	371,592	381,393	376,580
Fire Marshal	4,888,976	4,618,215	5,250,799	5,721,086	8,148,924
State Building Code Commission	1,333,468	1,457,316	1,920,178	2,290,021	3,088,797
Total Expenditures	7,861,073	8,487,513	8,795,911	9,618,027	12,985,181
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,044,159	6,508,117	6,647,481	6,959,828	7,002,724
Contract Professional Services	243,794	670,957	446,036	466,200	461,200
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,072,795	1,100,538	1,509,877	1,948,999	3,435,557
Assistance and Grants	600	1,375	32,517	15,000	15,000
Subtotal: Operating	7,361,348	8,280,986	8,635,911	9,390,027	10,914,481
Capital Purchases and Equipment	499,725	206,346	160,000	228,000	2,070,700
Operating Transfers	0	180	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	499,725	206,526	160,000	228,000	2,070,700
Total Expenditures	7,861,073	8,487,513	8,795,911	9,618,027	12,985,181
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	4,617,476	3,924,121	6,697,958	7,496,655	8,996,699
Federal Funds	1,116,572	2,967,727	186,000	234,611	818,300
Restricted Receipts	1,716,527	1,530,744	1,844,025	1,815,541	2,950,455
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	410,497	64,921	67,928	71,220	219,727
Total Expenditures	7,861,073	8,487,513	8,795,911	9,618,027	12,985,181

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00124A	1.0	62,511	1.0	64,007
ADMINISTRATOR MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	00140A	0.0	0	1.0	105,297
ARCHITECT BUILDING COMMISSION	00335A	1.0	94,729	1.0	97,097
ASSISTANT EXPLOSIVES AND FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS TECHNICIAN	03629A	2.0	138,947	2.0	135,821
BOMB TECHNICIAN I	03626A	3.0	123,313	3.0	160,076
BOMB TECHNICIAN III	03632A	1.0	75,920	1.0	76,277
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	00320A	2.0	61,616	2.0	75,607
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	00B26A	1.0	87,072	1.0	89,222
CHIEF DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL	00134A	2.0	177,216	2.0	181,646
CHIEF OF INSPECTIONS	00135A	3.0	298,099	3.0	307,562
CHIEF STATE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL (PLUMBING/MECH INSP)	00332A	1.0	91,740	1.0	93,962
CLERK SECRETARY	04016A	1.0	46,492	1.0	43,862
DEPUTY DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION	00144A	1.0	132,540	1.0	135,852
DIRECTOR OF FIRE TRAINING	00136A	1.0	95,312	1.0	97,695
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	00118A	1.0	51,063	1.0	52,339
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FIRE SAFETY CODE OF APPEAL & REVIEW	03640A	1.0	115,291	1.0	110,697
FIRE INVESTIGATOR	03622A	1.0	53,112	1.0	50,307
FIRE INVESTIGATOR II	03624A	1.0	49,265	1.0	49,896
FIRE INVESTIGATOR III	03627A	2.0	122,650	2.0	117,620
FIRE INVESTIGATOR IV	03630A	1.0	70,855	1.0	68,839
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR	03617A	1.0	41,383	1.0	39,768
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR	03621A	2.0	96,856	2.0	92,913
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR III	03625A	10.0	516,880	10.0	517,010
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR IV	03628A	2.0	127,308	2.0	126,763
FIRE SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER	03628A	2.0	140,372	2.0	133,715
HEARING OFFICER CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION BOARD	00334A	1.0	104,427	1.0	106,986
LEGAL COUNSEL	00132A	1.0	17,330	1.0	41,447
LICENSING AIDE	00315A	1.0	42,851	1.0	44,709
PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST	00138A	1.0	102,112	1.0	104,665
PRINCIPAL STATE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL (BUILDING)	00331A	1.0	70,805	1.0	75,101
PRINCIPAL STATE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL (ELECTRICAL)	00331A	1.0	75,536	1.0	79,862
PRODUCTIVITY PROJECT DIRECTOR	00130A	1.0	39,812	1.0	72,420

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
SENIOR ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST	00134A	1.0	80,258	1.0	85,262
SENIOR STATE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL (BUILDING)	00328A	2.0	96,511	2.0	119,119
STATE BUILDING CODE COMMISSIONER	00142A	1.0	107,886	1.0	116,079
Subtotal Classified		55.0	3,608,070	56.0	3,869,500
Unclassified					
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE	04514A	1.0	45,464	1.0	46,601
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	00323A	2.0	126,998	2.0	130,173
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	04521A	1.0	64,668	1.0	66,258
STATE FIRE MARSHAL	00843A	1.0	138,263	1.0	141,719
Subtotal Unclassified		5.0	375,393	5.0	384,751
Subtotal		60.0	3,983,463	61.0	4,254,251
Overtime			360,346		155,188
Turnover			0		(55,760)
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			100,410		0
Total Salaries			4,444,219		4,353,679
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			57,302		75,602
FICA			317,024		326,967
Health Benefits			570,085		642,424
Holiday			285		0
Payroll Accrual			23,412		0
Retiree Health			217,672		191,113
Retirement			1,196,453		1,275,133
Subtotal			2,382,233		2,511,239
Total Salaries and Benefits		60.0	6,826,452	61.0	6,864,918
Cost Per FTE Position			113,774		112,540
Statewide Benefit Assessment			133,376		137,806
Payroll Costs		60.0	6,959,828	61.0	7,002,724
Purchased Services					
Buildings and Ground Maintenance			1,500		1,500
Information Technology			47,700		47,700
Medical Services			10,650		5,650
Training and Educational Services			406,350		406,350

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Division of Building, Design and Fire Professionals

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Subtotal		466,200		461,200
Total Personnel	60.0	7,426,028	61.0	7,463,924
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	50.0	6,106,809	51.0	6,040,142
Federal Funds	0.0	62,111	0.0	65,800
Restricted Receipts	10.0	1,185,888	10.0	1,288,255
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0.0	71,220	0.0	69,727
Total All Funds	60.0	7,426,028	61.0	7,463,924

Program Summary

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Cannabis Regulation

Mission

The Office of Cannabis Regulation (OCR) is charged with regulating adult use marijuana, medical marijuana, and industrial hemp in order to safeguard public health, maintain public safety, and prevent youth access.

Description

OCR has oversight over legal cannabis in the state, which is comprised of three elements: adult use marijuana, medical marijuana, and industrial hemp. The FY 2017 enacted budget moved regulation of the commercial aspects of the state's medical marijuana program from the Department of Health to the Department of Business Regulation. This includes overseeing the state's medical marijuana dispensaries (known as compassion centers); medical marijuana cultivators; caregivers who can grow marijuana on behalf of patients; and patients who choose to grow for themselves. The 2016 General Assembly passed the Hemp Growth Act, which established DBR as the regulator of hemp growers and handlers. As the regulator of adult use marijuana, OCR is tasked with licensing marijuana cultivators, processors, and retailers. OCR processes license application, conducts inspections, and undertakes enforcement actions when needed. OCR works alongside the Division of Taxation to ensure proper collection of marijuana excise and sales taxes, and to license and collect tax from entities selling cannabidiol (CBD) products derived from industrial hemp. OCR aids local and state law enforcement in the proper enforcement of the state's cannabis laws. OCR also helps the Department of Public Health and the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals to address the prevention, treatment, and public health aspects of a legal cannabis market.

Statutory History

R.I. General Laws § 21-28.11 establish The Office of Cannabis Regulation. RIGL § 21-28.6 establishes DBR's role as the regulator of the commercial medical marijuana market. RIGL § 2-26 gives DBR oversight over industrial hemp.

Budget

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Cannabis Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Enacted Budget	2022 Revised Budget	2023 Recommended
Adult Use Marijuana Program	0	0	0	0	3,630,925
Medical Marijuana Program	860,322	1,083,314	1,165,441	1,220,618	1,992,665
Total Expenditures	860,322	1,083,314	1,165,441	1,220,618	5,623,590
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	679,092	768,271	851,477	986,004	2,535,476
Contract Professional Services	144,919	274,723	20,000	45,000	95,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	35,558	31,392	248,964	142,114	1,695,614
Assistance and Grants	0	0	0	0	250,000
Subtotal: Operating	859,568	1,074,385	1,120,441	1,173,118	4,576,090
Capital Purchases and Equipment	754	8,929	45,000	47,500	1,047,500
Subtotal: Other	754	8,929	45,000	47,500	1,047,500
Total Expenditures	860,322	1,083,314	1,165,441	1,220,618	5,623,590
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
Restricted Receipts	860,322	1,083,314	1,165,441	1,220,618	5,623,590
Total Expenditures	860,322	1,083,314	1,165,441	1,220,618	5,623,590

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Cannabis Regulation

		FY 2022		FY 2023	
		FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Classified					
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	00124A	0.0	0	1.0	53,195
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	0AB24A	1.0	59,977	1.0	61,476
CHIEF IMPLEMENTATION AIDE	00128A	1.0	70,150	1.0	71,904
CHIEF OF INSPECTIONS	00135A	1.0	86,632	1.0	83,166
CHIEF OF STRATEGIC PLANNING- MONITORING AND EVALUATION	00143A	1.0	127,155	1.0	130,333
CHIEF PUBLIC PROTECTION INSPECTOR	0AB32A	0.0	0	7.0	526,193
ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST I	00130A	0.0	0	1.0	68,756
INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT MANAGER	00139A	0.0	0	1.0	97,276
INVESTIGATIVE AUDITOR	00133A	1.0	81,084	2.0	164,633
LEGAL COUNSEL	00132A	1.0	78,480	0.0	0
LICENSING AIDE	0AB15A	0.0	0	2.0	84,602
PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST	00138A	0.0	0	1.0	92,281
SENIOR ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST	00134A	1.0	80,809	0.0	0
SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL	00134A	0.0	0	1.0	83,511
Subtotal Classified		7.0	584,287	20.0	1,517,326
Subtotal		7.0	584,287	20.0	1,517,326
FY 2021 Retro COLA Payment			11,870		0
Total Salaries			596,157		1,517,326
Benefits					
Contract Stipends			1,500		15,000
FICA			45,671		117,224
Health Benefits			111,984		322,752
Payroll Accrual			3,414		0
Retiree Health			31,581		68,646
Retirement			172,012		434,004
Subtotal			366,162		957,626
Total Salaries and Benefits		7.0	962,319	20.0	2,474,952
Cost Per FTE Position			137,474		123,748
Statewide Benefit Assessment			23,685		60,524
Payroll Costs		7.0	986,004	20.0	2,535,476
Purchased Services					
Clerical and Temporary Services			5,000		5,000
Management & Consultant Services			20,000		20,000
Other Contracts			20,000		70,000

Personnel

Agency: Department of Business Regulation

Office of Cannabis Regulation

	FY 2022		FY 2023	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Purchased Services				
Subtotal		45,000		95,000
Total Personnel	7.0	1,031,004	20.0	2,630,476
Distribution by Source of Funds				
Restricted Receipts	7.0	1,031,004	20.0	2,630,476
Total All Funds	7.0	1,031,004	20.0	2,630,476