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May 29, 2024

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Department of Consumer Affairs—Attorney General Budget Augmentation

Pursuant to the provisions of Item 1111-401 of the 2023 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the Department of Consumer Affairs to augment the Osteopathic Medical Board of California Fund by \$135,000, and the Physician Assistant Fund by \$160,000, to cover Attorney General costs. Through the Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative, the Boards' goals are to complete enforcement matters within 12 to 18 months to reduce consumer risk, as there has been a significant increase in the overall volume and magnitude of cases handled by the Attorney General for the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and the Physician Assistant Board.

In recognition that these changes result in increased utilization of services provided by the Attorney General, the 2023 Budget Act authorizes Finance to augment the current year budgets of various healing arts boards with the Department of Consumer Affairs. Based on expenditures through December 2023, these Boards are anticipating additional costs totaling \$295,000 for Attorney General services.

The allocation by Board is as follows:

- Osteopathic Medical Board of California—\$135,000 Attorney General costs
- Physician Assistant Board—\$160,000 Attorney General costs

While the Boards have made every effort to achieve savings in other line items to mitigate the overall impact of these enforcement-related augmentations, expenditures for Attorney General services are expected to exceed current year appropriations.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget. A waiver of the 30-day review period is requested to allow the augmentations to occur prior to the end of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Charlene Manning, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

JOE STEPHENSHAW Director By:

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Attachment

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February 26, 2024

- TO: Andrew Hoang, Finance Budget Analyst Department of Finance
- VIA: Tomiquia Moss, Secretary Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
- VIA: Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director Department of Consumer Affairs
- FROM: Erika Calderon, Executive Director Osteopathic Medical Board of California
- SUBJECT: 2023-24 Budget Bill Language (Item 1111-401) Attorney General and Office of Administrative Hearings Expenditures

Pursuant to the 2023 Budget Act (Ch. 12, Stats. 2023) Item 1111-401, and based on fiscal year 2023-24 expenditures through December 31, 2023, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (Board) is requesting a total budget augmentation of \$135,000 for its Attorney General (AG) line item.

The Board has expended approximately \$265,000 for AG services through December 31, 2023, or 67 percent of the \$394,000 budgeted. Based on average expenditures to date, the Board is projecting to expend an additional \$265,000, presenting a shortfall in their AG budget of approximately \$135,000.

Enforcement is the foundation of the Board's public protection mandate; therefore, the Board must continue to process its enforcement caseload, which primarily deals with licenses who have violations related to incompetence, gross negligence, substance and alcohol abuse, drug diversion, inappropriate prescribing, and sexual misconduct.

While the Board takes proactive measures to prioritize and manage enforcement cases to ensure adequate funds remain at the end of the fiscal year, the Board cannot place cases on hold or delay the prosecution of cases; doing so would negatively impact the Board's ability to protect the public. Consumers expect and deserve the Board's ability to discipline licensees who violate the Osteopathic Act.

The requested AG augmentation is vital to the Board's uninterrupted efforts to remove licensees with serious practice act violations and to ensure that the utmost protection is afforded to all consumers.

The following caseload information will hopefully provide an additional perspective on the Board's funding needs and the magnitude of its overall enforcement caseload.

Attorney General Caseload

Cases Referred to Attorney General (7/1/23 – 12/31/2023)	12
Cases Pending at Attorney General	27

If you have any questions, please contact the DCA Budget Office at (279) 278-5833. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Attachments:

- 1. Board's Fiscal Month 6 Expenditure Projections
- 2. Fund Condition Statement (Fund 0264)
 - cc: Amy Manasero, Deputy Secretary of Fiscal Policy and Admin; Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs Nicole Le, Deputy Director of Administration, Department of Consumer Affairs Taylor Schick, Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Consumer Affairs Robert De Los Reyes, Assistant Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Consumer Affairs

Expenditure Projection Report

Osteopathic Medical Board Reporting Structure(s): 11112600 Support Fiscal Month: 6 Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024

PERSONAL SERVICES

Fiscal Code Line Item	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$1,078,00	0 \$84,475	\$457,316	\$0	\$457,316	\$961,821	\$116,179
5100 TEMPORARY POSITIONS	\$0	\$4,826	\$47,756	\$0	\$47,756	\$75,160	-\$75,160
5105-5108 PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUM	1P SUM \$3,000	\$353	\$12,078	\$0	\$12,078	\$12,778	-\$9,778
5150 STAFF BENEFITS	\$685,000	\$59,578	\$326,190	\$0	\$326,190	\$669,713	\$15,287
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,766,00	0 \$149,231	\$843,340	\$0	\$843,340	\$1,719,472	\$46,528

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

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Expenditure Projection Report

Osteopathic Medical Board Reporting Structure(s): 11112600 Support Fiscal Month: 6 Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024

With AG Augmentation

PERSONAL SERVICES

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5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$1,078,000	\$84,475	\$457,316	\$0	\$457,316	\$961,821	\$116,179
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OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

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5304 COMMUNICATIONS	\$20,000	\$972	\$2,347	\$0	\$2,347	\$6,187	\$13,813
5306 POSTAGE	\$8,000	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$13	\$1,200	\$6,800
5308 INSURANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20	-\$20
53202-204 IN STATE TRAVEL	\$16,000	\$4,348	\$11,442	\$0	\$11,442	\$15,885	\$115
53206-208 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5322 TRAINING	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000
5324 FACILITIES	\$114,000	\$6,615	\$38,819	\$38,228	\$77,047	\$81,206	\$32,794
53402-53403 C/P SERVICES (INTERNAL)	\$638,000	\$35,283	\$263,533	\$0	\$263,533	\$640,592	-\$2,592
5340310000 Legal - Attorney General	\$529,000	\$25,758	\$225,870	\$0	\$225,870	\$528,996	\$4
53404-53405 C/P SERVICES (EXTERNAL)	\$212,000	\$6,274	\$59,150	\$107,654	\$166,804	\$222,362	-\$10,362
5342 DEPARTMENT PRORATA	\$416,000	\$124,000	\$372,000	\$0	\$372,000	\$821,500	-\$405,500
5342 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES	\$294,000	\$3	\$266	\$0	\$266	\$1,350	\$292,650
5344 CONSOLIDATED DATA CENTERS	\$4,000	\$1,085	\$5,415	\$0	\$5,415	\$19,927	-\$15,927
5346 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$4,000	\$2,766	\$3,998	\$0	\$3,998	\$7,858	-\$3,858
5362-5368 EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,259	\$3,259	\$3,259	-\$3,259
54 SPECIAL ITEMS OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350	-\$350
OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT	\$1,880,000	\$183,732	\$768,057	\$168,797	\$936,855	\$1,881,983	-\$1,983
OVERALL TOTALS	\$3,646,000	\$332,963	\$1,611,397	\$168,797	\$1,780,195	\$3,601,455	\$44,545
OVERALL NET TOTALS	\$3,593,000	\$332,963	\$1,611,397	\$168,797	\$1,780,195	\$3,548,455	\$44,545

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(Dollars in Thousands)								riep	uleu	2.15.2024
2024-25 Governor's Budget With FM 6 Projections		Actuals	СҮ		ВҮ			BY +1		BY +2
With AG Augementation		022-23	2	023-24	2	024-25	2	025-26		026-27
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	4,503	\$	4,581	\$	4,532	\$	4,300	\$	3,974
Prior Year Adjustment	\$	-31	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$	4,472	\$	4,581	\$	4,532	\$	4,300	\$	3,974
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS										
Revenues										
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$	18	\$	17	\$	20	\$	20	\$	20
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$	2,378	\$	2,337	\$	2,493	\$	2,493	\$	2,493
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$	53	\$	52	\$	56	\$	56	\$	56
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$	1,172	\$	1,201	\$	1,228	\$	1,228	\$	1,228
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$	109	\$	69	\$	74	\$	59	\$	52
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$	4	\$	3	\$	3	\$	3	\$	3
Totals, Revenues	\$	3,734	\$	3,679	\$	3,874	\$	3,859	\$	3,852
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$	3,734	\$	3,679	\$	3,874	\$	3,859	\$	3,852
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$	8,206	\$	8,260	\$	8,406	\$	8,159	\$	7,826
Expenditures:										
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs Regulatory Boards, Bureaus, Divisions (State Operations)	\$	3,352	\$	3,354	\$	3,864	\$	3,980	\$	4,099
Current Year AG Augmentation	\$	_	\$	135	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$	53	\$	53	\$	37	\$	-	\$	-
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$	220	\$	186	\$	205	\$	205	\$	205
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	.\$	3,625	\$	3,728	\$	4,106	\$	4,185	\$	4,304

Reserve for economic uncertainties

3,974 \$ \$ 4,581 \$ 4,532 \$ 4,300 \$ 3,522

Months in Reserve

NOTES:

Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in BY +1 and ongoing.
Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY +1.



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February 9, 2024

Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director Department of Consumer Affairs 1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-112 Sacramento, CA 95834

Re: Projected AG Line Item Shortfall: Osteopathic Medical Board Fiscal Year: 2023-24

Dear Ms. Kirchmeyer:

This letter is a formal notification that the Osteopathic Medical Board is anticipated to exceed its fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 budget for the legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG)-Department of Justice (DOJ).

According to the July 2023 budget provided to DOJ by the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Board is budgeted \$394,000 for OAG legal services in FY 2023-24. Based on the legal services costs already incurred by the Board from July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the Board is projected to have a budget *deficit* of **\$134,995** by June 30, 2024.

Professional Type		-to-Date 0 12/31/2023		jection to 6/30/2024	Total		
	Hours	Costs	Hours	Costs	Hours	Costs	
DAG	979.00	\$215,380.00	979.00	\$215,380.00	1,958.00	\$430,760.00	
Paralegal	221.50	\$45,407.50	221.50	\$45,407.50	443.00	\$90,815.00	
Analyst	15.00	\$2,925.00	15.00	\$2,925.00	30.00	\$5,850.00	
Cost of Suit	N/A	\$785.00	N/A	\$785.00	N/A	\$1,570.00	
Total	1,215.50	\$264,497.50	1,215.50	\$264,497.50	2,431.00	\$528,995.00	
Board Budget						\$394,000	
Projected Deficit						-\$134,995.00	

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As of today, HQE is actively working twenty two (22) administrative cases, three (3) civil matters, one (1) appeal by extraordinary writ, and one (1) third-party discovery matter for the Osteopathic Medical Board. Currently, solely based on existing workload, our legal staff expects to bill 979 Deputy Attorney General hours (\$215,380), 221.5 paralegal hours (\$45,407.50) and 15 analyst hours (\$2,925), as well as any additional hours required for new, incoming workloads the Board will be referring to HQE in the foreseeable future.

DOJ acknowledges that the Board may require a budget augmentation in the near future and supports the Board's efforts towards securing the necessary funding for continued legal services. In the event the Board is unable to secure additional funding for its enforcement programs, it may be necessary for the OAG to cease work on the Board's cases until July 1, 2024, thereby slowing the pace of prosecution of the Board's disciplinary actions.

I am available to provide more details as necessary in order to help the Board secure additional legal services funding to meet its mission. I can be reached at (213) 269-6507.

Sincerely,

GLORIA L. CASTRO Senior Assistant Attorney General

For ROB BONTA Attorney General

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February 28, 2024

- TO: Andrew Hoang, Finance Budget Analyst Department of Finance
- VIA: Tomiquia Moss, Secretary Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
- VIA: Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director Department of Consumer Affairs
- FROM: Rozana Khan, Executive Officer Physician Assistant Board
- SUBJECT: 2023-24 Budget Bill Language (Item 1111-401) Attorney General and Office of Administrative Hearings Expenditures.

Pursuant to the 2023 Budget Act (Ch. 12, Statutes of 2023) Item 1111-401, and based on fiscal year 2023-24 expenditures through January 31, 2024, the Physician Assistant Board (Board) is requesting a total budget augmentation of \$160,000 for its Attorney General (AG) line item.

The Board has expended approximately \$450,000 for AG services through January 31, 2024, or 73 percent of the \$615,000 budgeted, and projects to exceed its budgeted authority by at least \$156,000. Based on average expenditures to date, the Board is projecting to expend an additional \$321,000, presenting a shortfall in their AG budget of approximately \$156,000. Given the uncertainty of the AG costs for the remainder of the fiscal year, the Board is requesting an additional \$4,000 (added to the \$156,000, for a total of \$160,000) to address any unanticipated increases in case hours.

The Board is mandated by law to make public protection its highest priority in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The Enforcement Program is dedicated to safeguarding consumers by diligently enforcing the laws and regulations outlined in the Physician Assistant Practice Act, Medical Practice Act, and the California Code of Regulations. Therefore, the Board must continue processing its enforcement caseload, which involves licensees accused of violations such as gross negligence, incompetence, repeated negligent acts resulting in patient death or serious bodily injury, drug or alcohol abuse leading to patient harm, excessive prescribing of controlled substances, sexual misconduct with patients, and practicing medicine while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Enforcing disciplinary actions against licensees who pose a risk to public health and safety is paramount. By securing the necessary resources for enforcement activities, the Board can effectively identify, investigate, and discipline individuals whose actions jeopardize the well-being of patients and the public. While the Board has taken proactive measures to prioritize and manage enforcement cases to ensure adequate funds remain at the end of the fiscal year, the Board cannot afford to delay the prosecution of cases or place them on hold. Such actions would detrimentally affect the Board's ability to fulfill its mandate of protecting the public. Consumers expect and deserve the Board's ability to discipline licensees who violate the laws and regulations, underscoring the importance of adequate funding for enforcement activities.

The requested AG augmentation is vital to the Board's efforts to timely file disciplinary actions against physician assistants whose competence is deemed questionable. Failure to do so jeopardizes the safety of California's healthcare consumers and raises concern that the Board is not carrying out its mission to protect the public.

The following caseload information will hopefully provide an additional perspective on the Board's funding needs and the magnitude of its overall enforcement caseload.

Attorney General Caseload (07/01/2023 -1/31/2024)

Cases I	Referred to Attorney General	20
Cases I	Pending at Attorney General	47

If you have any questions, please contact the DCA Budget Office at (279) 278-5833. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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Expenditure Projection Report

Physician Assistant Board Reporting Structure(s): 11111900 Support Fiscal Month: 7 Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024

PERSONAL SERVICES

Fiscal Code Line Item	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$826,000	\$66,394	\$442,384	\$0	\$442,384	\$766,744	\$59,256
5100 TEMPORARY POSITIONS	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,350	-\$7,350
5105-5108 PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUMP SUM	\$2,000	\$1,200	\$13,778	\$0	\$13,778	\$32,700	-\$30,700
5150 STAFF BENEFITS	\$523,000	\$38,924	\$264,755	\$0	\$264,755	\$481,229	\$41,771
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,381,000	\$106,518	\$720,917	\$0	\$720,917	\$1,318,023	\$62,977

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

Fiscal Code	Line Item	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5302 PRINTING		\$10,000	\$661	\$4,733	\$15,026	\$19,759	\$19,759	-\$9,759
5304 COMMUNICAT	IONS	\$13,000	\$505	\$2,128	\$1,500	\$3,628	\$5,949	\$7,051
5306 POSTAGE		\$5,000	\$0	\$2,709	\$0	\$2,709	\$5,398	-\$398
5308 INSURANCE		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	-\$15
53202-204 IN STAT	E TRAVEL	\$25,000	\$922	\$11,973	\$0	\$11,973	\$19,955	\$5,045
53206-208 OUT OF	STATE TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5322 TRAINING		\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
5324 FACILITIES		\$136,000	\$9,395	\$64,138	\$49,295	\$113,433	\$114,549	\$21,451
53402-53403 C/P SI	ERVICES (INTERNAL)	\$731,000	\$65,778	\$405,441	\$74,042	\$479,483	\$871,581	-\$140,581
5340310000	Legal - Attorney General	\$615,000	\$64,209	\$375,907	\$74,042	\$449,949	\$771,340	-\$156,340
53404-53405 C/P SI	ERVICES (EXTERNAL)	\$63,000	\$4,404	\$58,636	\$103,744	\$162,379	\$151,000	-\$88,000
5342 DEPARTMEN	T PRORATA	\$419,000	\$0	\$303,750	\$0	\$303,750	\$419,000	\$0
5342 DEPARTMEN	TAL SERVICES	\$307,000	\$147,100	\$147,159	\$0	\$147,159	\$320,145	-\$13,145
5344 CONSOLIDATI	ED DATA CENTERS	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,100	\$16,900
5346 INFORMATION	ITECHNOLOGY	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,579	\$0	\$1,579	\$1,723	\$1,277
5362-5368 EQUIPM	ENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333	\$333	\$1,000	-\$1,000
5390 OTHER ITEMS	OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	-\$15
54 SPECIAL ITEMS	OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$1,059	\$4,952	\$0	\$4,952	\$6,500	-\$6,500
OPERATING EXPEN	ISES & EQUIPMENT	\$1,784,000	\$231,734	\$1,032,710	\$245,974	\$1,278,684	\$1,990,233	-\$206,233
OVERALL TOTALS		\$3,165,000	\$338,251	\$1,753,627	\$245,974	\$1,999,601	\$3,308,256	-\$143,256

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Expenditure Projection Report

Physician Assistant Board Reporting Structure(s): 11111900 Support Fiscal Month: 7 Fiscal Year: 2023 - 2024 With AG Augmentation

PERSONAL SERVICES

Fiscal Code Line Item	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$826,000	\$66,394	\$442,384	\$0	\$442,384	\$766,744	\$59,256
5100 TEMPORARY POSITIONS	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,350	-\$7,350
5105-5108 PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUMP SUM	\$2,000	\$1,200	\$13,778	\$0	\$13,778	\$32,700	-\$30,700
5150 STAFF BENEFITS	\$523,000	\$38,924	\$264,755	\$0	\$264,755	\$481,229	\$41,771
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,381,000	\$106,518	\$720,917	\$0	\$720,917	\$1,318,023	\$62,977

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

Fiscal Code	Line Item	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5302 PRINTING		\$10,000	\$661	\$4,733	\$15,026	\$19,759	\$19,759	-\$9,759
5304 COMMUNICAT	IONS	\$13,000	\$505	\$2,128	\$1,500	\$3,628	\$5,949	\$7,051
5306 POSTAGE		\$5,000	\$0	\$2,709	\$0	\$2,709	\$5,398	-\$398
5308 INSURANCE		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	-\$15
53202-204 IN STAT	ETRAVEL	\$25,000	\$922	\$11,973	\$0	\$11,973	\$19,955	\$5,045
53206-208 OUT OF	STATE TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5322 TRAINING		\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
5324 FACILITIES		\$136,000	\$9,395	\$64,138	\$49,295	\$113,433	\$114,549	\$21,451
53402-53403 C/P SE	ERVICES (INTERNAL)	\$891,000	\$65,778	\$405,441	\$74,042	\$479,483	\$871,581	\$19,419
5340310000	Legal - Attorney General	\$775,000	\$64,209	\$375,907	\$74,042	\$449,949	\$771,340	\$3,660
53404-53405 C/P SE	ERVICES (EXTERNAL)	\$63,000	\$4,404	\$58,636	\$103,744	\$162,379	\$151,000	-\$88,000
5342 DEPARTMENT	I PRORATA	\$419,000	\$0	\$303,750	\$0	\$303,750	\$419,000	\$0
5342 DEPARTMEN	TAL SERVICES	\$307,000	\$147,100	\$147,159	\$0	\$147,159	\$320,145	-\$13,145
5344 CONSOLIDATE	ED DATA CENTERS	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,100	\$16,900
5346 INFORMATION	TECHNOLOGY	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,579	\$0	\$1,579	\$1,723	\$1,277
5362-5368 EQUIPM	ENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333	\$333	\$1,000	-\$1,000
5390 OTHER ITEMS		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15	-\$15
54 SPECIAL ITEMS	OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$1,059	\$4,952	\$0	\$4,952	\$6,500	-\$6,500
OPERATING EXPEN	ISES & EQUIPMENT	\$1,944,000	\$231,734	\$1,032,710	\$245,974	\$1,278,684	\$1,990,233	-\$46,233
OVERALL TOTALS		\$3,325,000	\$338,251	\$1,753,627	\$245,974	\$1,999,601	\$3,308,256	\$16,744

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0280 - Physician Assistant Fund Fund Analysis of Fund Condition (Dollars in Thousands)

Prepared 2.21.2024

2024-25 Governor's Budget W-FM7 Projection w_AG Augmentation		Actual 2022-23		CY 2023-24		BY 2024-25		BY +1 2025-26	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	4,499	\$	4,243	\$	3,729	\$	3,328	
Prior Year Adjustment	\$	51	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
	\$	4,550	\$	4,243	\$	3,729	\$	3,328	
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS									
Revenues									
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$	6	\$	7	\$	7	\$	7	
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$	2,244	\$	2,417	\$	2,474	\$	2,474	
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$	23	\$	12	\$	26	\$	26	
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$	408	\$	440	\$	481	\$	481	
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$	110	\$	140	\$	53	\$	42	
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$	3	\$	1	\$	-	\$	-	
Totals, Revenues	\$	2,794	\$	3,017	\$	3,041	\$	3,030	
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$	2,794	\$	3,017	\$	3,041	\$	3,030	
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$	7,344	\$	7,260	\$	6,770	\$	6,358	
Expenditures:									
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs Regulatory Boards, Bureaus, Divisions (State Operations)	\$	2,831	\$	3,148	\$	3,262	\$	3,360	
Current Year AG Augmentation	\$	-	\$	160	\$	-	\$	-	
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$	17	\$	18	\$	7	\$	-	
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$	253	\$	205	\$	173	\$	173	
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$	3,101	\$	3,531	\$	3,442	\$	3,533	
FUND BALANCE									
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$	4,243	\$	3,729	\$	3,328	\$	2,825	
Months in Reserve	14.4		13.0 11.		11.3	3 9.3			
NOTES: 1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in BY +1 and or 2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY +1.	ngoi	ng.							



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February 20, 2024

Kimberly Kirchmeyer, Director Department of Consumer Affairs 1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-112 Sacramento, CA 95834

Re: Projected AG Line Item Shortfall: Physician Assistant Board of California Fiscal Year: 2023-24

Dear Ms. Kirchmeyer:

This letter is a formal notification that the Physician Assistant Board (Board) is anticipated to exceed its fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 budget for the legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG)-Department of Justice (DOJ).

In July 2023, the Department of Consumer Affairs and Board budgeted \$615,000 to DOJ for OAG legal services in FY 2023-24. Based on the legal services billings already incurred from July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024, DOJ projects that the Board will have a budget *deficit* of \$156,355.44 by June 30, 2024.

Professional Type		-to-Date to 1/31/2024	Projection 2/1/2024 to 6/30/2024		•			Total		
	Hours	Costs	Hours	Costs	Hours	Costs				
DAG	1,762.25	\$387,695.00	1,258.75	\$276,925.00	3,021.00	\$664,620.00				
Paralegal	260.25	\$53,351.25	186.00	\$38,130.00	446.25	\$91,481.25				
Analyst	23.50	\$4,582.50	16.75	\$3,266.25	40.25	\$7,848.75				
Cost of Suit	N/A	\$4,319.84	N/A	\$3,085.60	N/A	\$7,405.44				
Total	2,046.00	\$449,948.59	1,461.50	\$321,406.85	3,507.50	\$771,355.44				
Board Budget						\$615,000.00				
Projected Deficit						(156,355.44)				

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As of today, HQE is actively working thirty five (35) administrative cases and one (1) subpoena enforcement matter for the Board. Currently, solely based on existing workload, our legal staff expects to bill 1,258.75 Deputy Attorney General hours (\$276,925), 186.00 paralegal hours (\$38,130.00) and 16.75 analyst hours (\$3,265.25), as well as any additional hours required for new, incoming workloads the Board will be referring to HQE in the foreseeable future.

DOJ acknowledges that the Board may require a budget augmentation in the near future and supports the Board's efforts towards securing the necessary funding for continued legal services. In the event the Board is unable to secure additional funding for its enforcement programs, it may be necessary for the OAG to cease work on the Board's cases until July 1, 2024, thereby slowing the pace of prosecution of the Board's disciplinary actions.

I am available to provide more details as necessary in order to help the Board secure additional legal services funding to meet its mission. I can be reached at (213) 269-6507.

Sincerely,

Landor

GLORIA L. CASTRO Senior Assistant Attorney General

For ROB BONTA Attorney General

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