

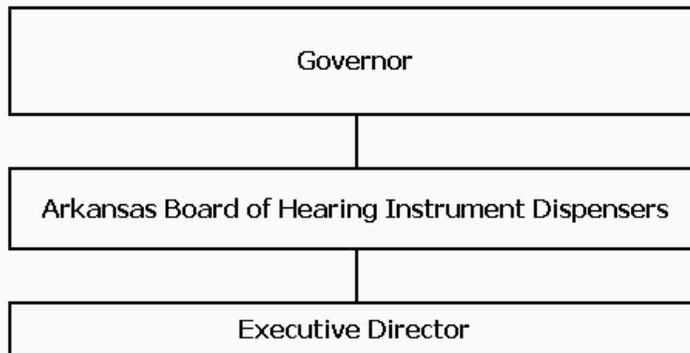
AR BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS

Enabling Laws

Act 88 of 2005
A.C.A. §17-84-101

History and Organization

The Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, authorized by A.C.A. §17-84-101 et seq., is responsible for the examination and licensure of persons engaging in the sale of hearing instruments. The Board is comprised of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board is a cash agency funded from fees used for operating expenses and an extra help position.



Agency Commentary

The Agency Request is for Base Level for the 2007-2009 biennium.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

Findings

None

Recommendations

None

Cash Fund Balance Description as of June 30, 2006

Fund Account	Balance	Type	Location
3160000	\$4,185	Checking	Bank of Little Rock

Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

A.C.A. §17-84-204 Fees are to be used to pay administrative expenses. Any remaining balances at year end are to be carried forward.

Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

A.C.A. §17-84-203 Fees, Fines & Penalties as established in law.

Revenue Receipts Cycle:

Fees and penalties are collected throughout the year, with the bulk of the fees collected between 7/1 and 6/30

Fund Balance Utilization:

Fund balance each year is carried over as the base of the following year's operating budget.

Publications

A.C.A 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Rules & Regulations	A.C.A. §17-84-203	N	N	1	Required to distribute to licensees when changes occur.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2004-2005						FY2005-2006						FY2006-2007					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: A89 - Cash Operations

Funding Sources: 316-Hearing Instrument Dispensers-Cash

The Arkansas Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers was created by Act 197 of 1969 to insure the public is protected when purchasing any instrument or device designed for aiding, improving, or correcting human hearing. Act 592 of 1999 amended Arkansas Code §17-84-101 and changed the name to Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers. Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-84-203, funding is derived from examination fees, license fees, and renewal fees charged to persons who practice the fitting or selling of hearing instruments. The Board utilizes these funds to finance one (1) Extra Help position and provide operating expenses for the administration of the laws governing hearing instrument dispensers.

Personal Services Matching reflects an increase in Base Level due to certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates.

The Agency Request is Base Level of \$23,604 each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007	2007-2008			2008-2009		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help	5010001	13,320	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
#Extra Help		1								
Personal Services Matching	5010003	1,025	1,071	1,071	1,079	1,079	1,079	1,079	1,079	1,079
Operating Expenses	5020002	5,679	8,175	9,344	8,175	8,175	8,175	8,175	8,175	8,175
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	350	700	350	350	350	350	350	350
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		20,024	23,596	25,115	23,604	23,604	23,604	23,604	23,604	23,604
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	11,511	4,185		2,889	2,889	2,889	0	0	0
Cash Fund	4000045	12,698	22,300		15,350	15,350	15,350	23,450	23,450	23,450
Total Funding		24,209	26,485		18,239	18,239	18,239	23,450	23,450	23,450
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(4,185)	(2,889)		5,365	5,365	5,365	154	154	154
Grand Total		20,024	23,596		23,604	23,604	23,604	23,604	23,604	23,604