

2019-21 Biennium Budget Decision Package

Agency: 303 - Department of Health

Decision Package Code-Title: 4B - Fees to Maintain Programs

Budget Session: 2019-21 Regular **Budget Level:** Maintenance Level

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Agency Recommendation Summary

The Department of Health works to protect and improve the health of people in Washington, promote healthy behaviors, and maintain high standards for quality health care delivery. Many of the regulatory programs within the department rely on fees to support the services provided. The department is increasing fees in several groups of fees: see attached DOH Proposed Fee Changes form for the list. Currently these fee groups are not earning enough revenue to meet program needs. The revenue from these increases will fund current levels of service.

Fiscal Summary

Dollars in Thousands

Revenue	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
001 - 0597	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$45
02G - 0207	\$0	\$1,139	\$1,139	\$1,139
02G - 0242	\$587	\$1,173	\$1,173	\$1,173
02G - 0252	\$2,493	\$4,983	\$4,983	\$4,983
02G - 0264	\$0	\$208	\$208	\$208
02G - 0299	\$2,033	\$4,068	\$4,068	\$4,068
05R - 0420	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Total	\$5,313	\$11,816	\$11,816	\$11,816
Biennial Totals		\$17,129		\$23,632

Package Description

The Department of Health administers and collects individual fees to pay for services ranging from issuing

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birth certificates to inspecting radioactive materials, to licensing health care professionals. Revenue from fees comprises 27% percent of the department's budget, a total of \$321 million in the 2017-2019 biennium. Many of the fee-supported programs are designed to recover the full costs of the service and do not have any other sources of funding. The continuation of services as well as prudent fiscal management require fee levels to be reviewed periodically, as operating costs increase or decrease and new work is required through legislation. This decision package requests changes to the department's fee authority for those fees which are not currently providing sufficient revenue to meet expenditure authority and program needs. The department conducts a comprehensive administrative review process with stakeholders when proposing a fee increase. The revenue from these increases will fund current levels of service.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service:

N/A

Detailed assumptions and calculations:

N/A

Workforce Assumptions:

N/A

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic framework:

This program makes key contributions to Results Washington Goal 4: Healthy & safe communities. Adequate funding for these programs will help ensure timely credentialing and regulation of these health care practitioners and facilities, ultimately improving the health and safety of patients.

It contributes to the agency's strategic plan through Goal 1: Protect everyone in Washington from communicable diseases and other health threats.

Objective 6: Resolve healthcare provider and facility complaints and allegations of misconduct or unsafe care.

Performance outcomes:

N/A

Other Collateral Connections

Intergovernmental:

N/A

Stakeholder response:

N/A

Legal or administrative mandates:

N/A

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Changes from current law:

N/A

State workforce impacts:

N/A

State facilities impacts:

N/A

Puget Sound recovery:

N/A

Agency Questions

Did you include cost models and backup assumptions?

Yes.

Reference Documents

• 4B-Fees to Maintain Programs - Attchmt.xlsx

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

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