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Method of Financing	2018-19 Base	2020-21 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$5,208,758	\$5,208,758	\$0	0.0%
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$O	\$0	0.0%
Total GR-Related Funds	\$5,208,758	\$5,208,758	\$0	0.0%
Federal Funds	\$O	\$O	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$104,354	\$99,400	(\$4,954)	(4.7%)
All Funds	\$5,313,112	\$5,308,158	(\$4,954)	(0.1%)

	FY 2019	FY 2021	Biennial	Percent
	Budgeted	Recommended	Change	Change
FTEs	31.0	31.0	0.0	0.0%





Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2020-21 Recommended) represents an estimated 100% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2020-21 biennium.

Board of Plumbing Examiners Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate

1. Sunset Review. The Sunset Advisory Commission reviewed the agency in fiscal year 2018. Sunset staff found problems including backlogged exams, poor customer service, growing complaint caseloads, as well as several rule and statutory constraints that make entry into the trade and advancement in the career difficult. The Sunset Advisory Commission adopted all of Sunset staff's recommendations, with modifications, including the transfer of the regulation of plumbing to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). According to the Sunset staff report, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (TSBPE) will need to continue operations through fiscal year 2021 as it works with TDLR through the transition.

Additionally, the Sunset Commission adopted management directives that will require TSBPE, by September 1, 2019, to work with third parties to establish at least seven testing facilities across the state to administer the practical component of exams and to switch to a risk-based approach to investigations to focus on higher risk complaints. Some additional management actions adopted by the Sunset Commission will require the agency to make changes during fiscal years 2019 and 2020, prior to the transfer of the profession to TDLR. Because some of these management actions will have a cost, the agency has a Sunset-related exceptional item request (See Section 5, Items Not Included).

Board of Plumbing Examiners Rider Highlights - Senate

New Riders

3. Sunset Contingency. The Introduced Bill adds a contingency provision for the agency's Sunset review.

Board of Plumbing Examiners Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

		2020-21 Biennial Total					
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2022-23
Ager	ncy Exceptional Items - In Agency Priority Order						
1)	 Statewide Examination Coordinator (related to Sunset Recommendation 2.10, Management Action) A Customer Service Representative in the Examination Department will help coordinate examinations at 7 locations across the state and assist appplicants navigating the process 	\$62,078	\$62,078	1.0	No	No	\$59,878
2)	New Director position to assist in meeting the increased administrative functions of the Board	\$156,712	\$156,712	1.0	No	No	\$153,712
3)	Consumer Education and Public Awareness - Two Education Specialist I positions and one Education Specialist II position to work with middle schools, high schools and career technical colleges to develop programs and incentives to encourage individuals to consider the plumbing industry as a career path	\$251,892	\$251,892	3.0	No	No	\$244,392
4)	Customer Service Representative for Licensing Department	\$61,878	\$61,878	1.0	No	No	\$59,878
5)	Customer Service Representative for Enforcement Department	\$61,878	\$61,878	1.0	No	No	\$59,878
6)	Accountant II for CAPPS accounting demands and segregation of fiscal duties	\$69,952	\$69,952	1.0	No	No	\$66,952
7)	Information Technology enhancements	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.0	Yes	No	\$0
8)	Compensation to retain and obtain qualified personnel	\$150,000	\$150,000	0.0	No	No	\$150,000
то	TAL Items Not Included in Recommendations	\$864,390	\$864,390	8.0			\$794,690

Section 5

Board of Plumbing Examiners Appendices - Senate

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Board of Plumbing Examiners Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate, by Strategy -- ALL FUNDS

	2018-19	2020-21	Biennial	%	
Strategy/Goal	Base	Recommended	Change	Change	Comments
EXAMINE AND LICENSE PLUMBERS A.1.1	\$1,982,400	\$1,963,479	(\$18,921)	(1.0%) Reduction of temp	orary staff used in 2018-19
TEXAS.GOV A.1.2	\$310,000	\$310,000	\$O	0.0%	
INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT A.1.3	\$2,399,003	\$2,416,479	\$17 , 476	0.7% Additional travel p	olus repairs for agency fleet vehicles
Total, Goal A, ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY/PLUMBING	\$4,691,403	\$4,689,958	(\$1,445)	(0.0%)	
INDIRECT ADMIN - EXAM/LICENSE B.1.1	\$241,239	\$241,000	(\$239)	(0.1%) Cost of financial a	udit
INDIRECT ADMIN - INSPECT/ENFORCE B.1.2	\$380,470	\$377,200	(\$3,270)	(0.9%) Cost of financial a	udit
Total, Goal B, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$621,709	\$618,200	(\$3,509)	(0.6%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$5,313,112	\$5,308,158	(\$4,954)	(0.1%)	

Board of Plumbing Examiners Summary of Ten Percent Biennial Base Reduction Options - Senate

			Biennial Reduction Amounts						
Priority	ltem	Description/Impact	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs	Potential Revenue Loss	Reduction as % of Program GR/GR-D Total	Program GR/GR-D Total	Included in introduced Bill?
1	Eliminate 1 Investigator	The agency would make a budget reduction of 2.5% by eliminating one Investigator position.	\$128,000	\$128,000	1.0	\$27,500	5%	\$2,399,003	Ν
2	Eliminate 1 Additional Investigator	Same as above.	\$128,000	\$128,000	1.0	\$27,500	5%	\$2,399,003	N
3	Eliminate 1 Additional Investigator	Same as above.	\$132,438	\$132,438	1.0	\$27,500	6%	\$2,399,003	N
4	Eliminate 1 Additional Investigator	Same as above.	\$132,438	\$132,438	1.0	\$27,500	6%	\$2,399,003	N

TOTAL, 10% Reduction Options	\$520,876	\$520,876	4.0	\$110,000	
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