BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS

The Board of Naturopathic Examiners' mission is to protect the public by improving the standards of care offered by licensed practitioners through ensuring competency in education, and enhancing communication with the profession and the public. The Board conducts examinations for applicants; issues licensees to practice naturopathic medicine; certifies special competency in natural childbirth; sets continuing education standards; and approves naturopathic schools or colleges offering four-year full-time residential programs. The Board also investigates complaints, administers discipline, and imposes civil penalties. The seven-member board consists of five naturopaths and two public members and is appointed by the Governor.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS	2009-11 Actuals	2011-13 Leg. Approved	2013-15 Current Service Level	2013-15 Governor's Budget	2013-15 Co- Chairs' Budget (1.0)	% Change 2011- 13 LAB to 2013-15 CSL
Other Funds	518,818	598,123	553,531	633,011	0	-7.5%
TOTAL FUNDS	\$518,818	\$598,123	\$553,531	\$633,011	\$0	-7.5%
Positions	3	3	2	3	0	-33.3%
FTE	2.33	2.50	2.00	2.50	0.00	-20.0%

Major Revenues	Budget Environment	Comparison by Fund Type
 The Board is funded entirely from Other Funds, primarily application, license, and certification fees. Policy package for a fee increase was approved during the 2011 legislative session; however the amount was for \$50,000 of the requested \$100,000 increase. 	 Continued growth in licensees. 900 current licensees renewed on an annual basis (all licenses expire Dec 31st). Increase in licensing and enforcement workload. The Board has an estimated \$295,962 ending balance at current service level, which is approximately 13 months of operations. 	BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS

MAJOR CHALLENGES AND DECISION

1.	Policy package to make limited duration part-time Investigator (0.50 FTE) a permanent position at 0.50 FTE. Estimated cost of \$89,293.	
2.	Policy package reductions in the GRB for statewide PERS Taxation Policy and Other PERS adjustments totaling (\$9,047) Other Funds.	
3.	Policy package reduction in the GRB for statewide administrative savings totaling (\$462) Other Funds.	
4.	Proposed legislation (SB 302) would transfer the Board of Naturopathic Examiners to the Oregon Health Licensing Agency.	
5.	Proposed legislation (SB 108) would provide the Board authority to charge back to the respondent the fees assessed in a contested case when a hearing is requested and the Board prevails.	