

# 2021-23 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

## Mental Health Regulatory Agency

Board of Psychology

Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

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# Program Summary

The Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA) was created to **protect the public from harm** by providing administrative and regulatory oversight to two regulated boards that oversee mental health professions in the State:

- Oregon Board of Psychology
- Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

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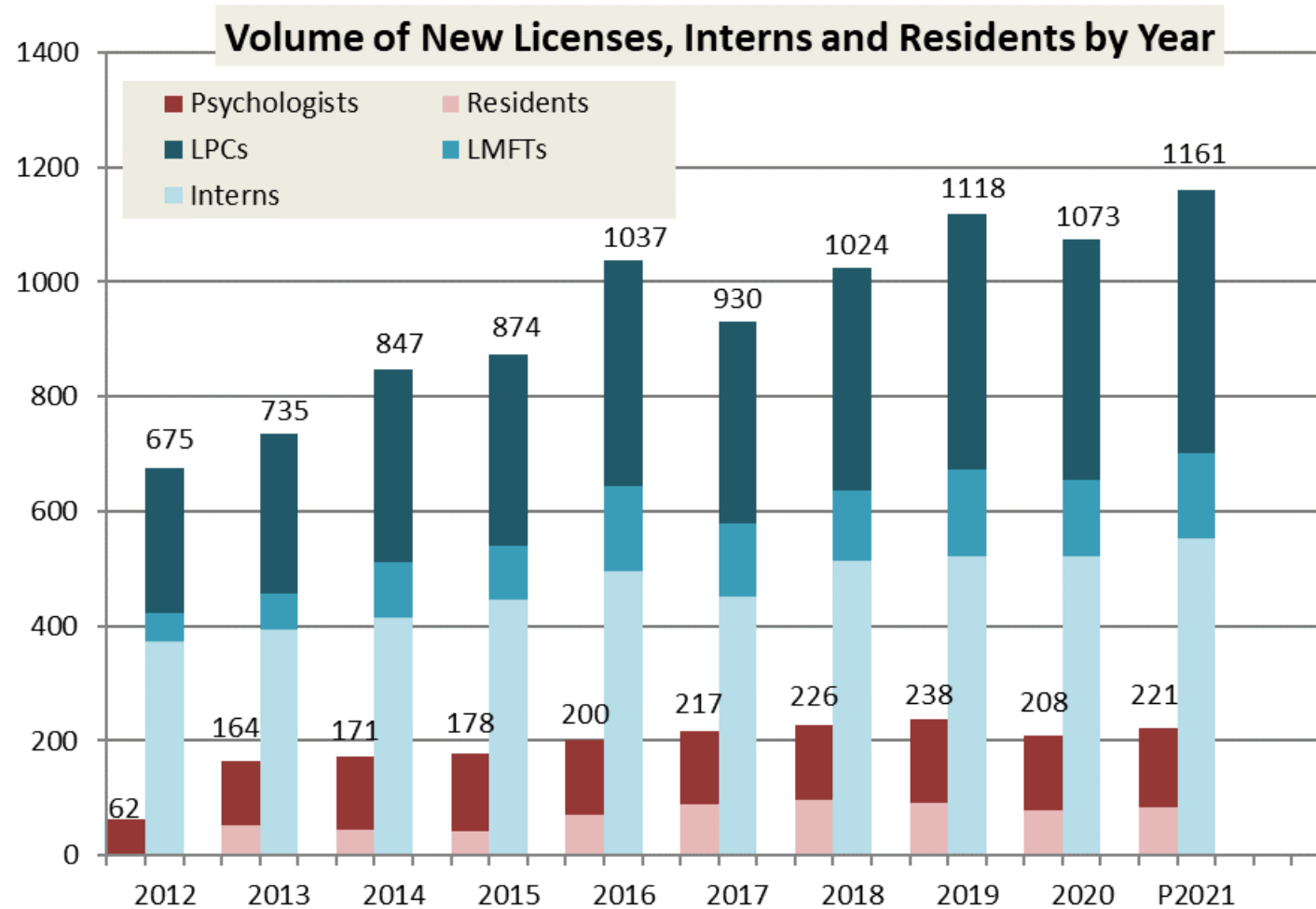
- Licensing
  - Determine qualifications for licensure (education, exam, experience)
  - Issue and renew licenses
  - Continuing education
  - Forms, fees, and consumer outreach
- Compliance
  - Code of Ethics / Statutes / Administrative Rules
  - Investigate complaints (unethical / unprofessional / unlicensed practice)
  - Board review and vote on enforcement action
  - Settlements / Contested Case Hearings / Appeals

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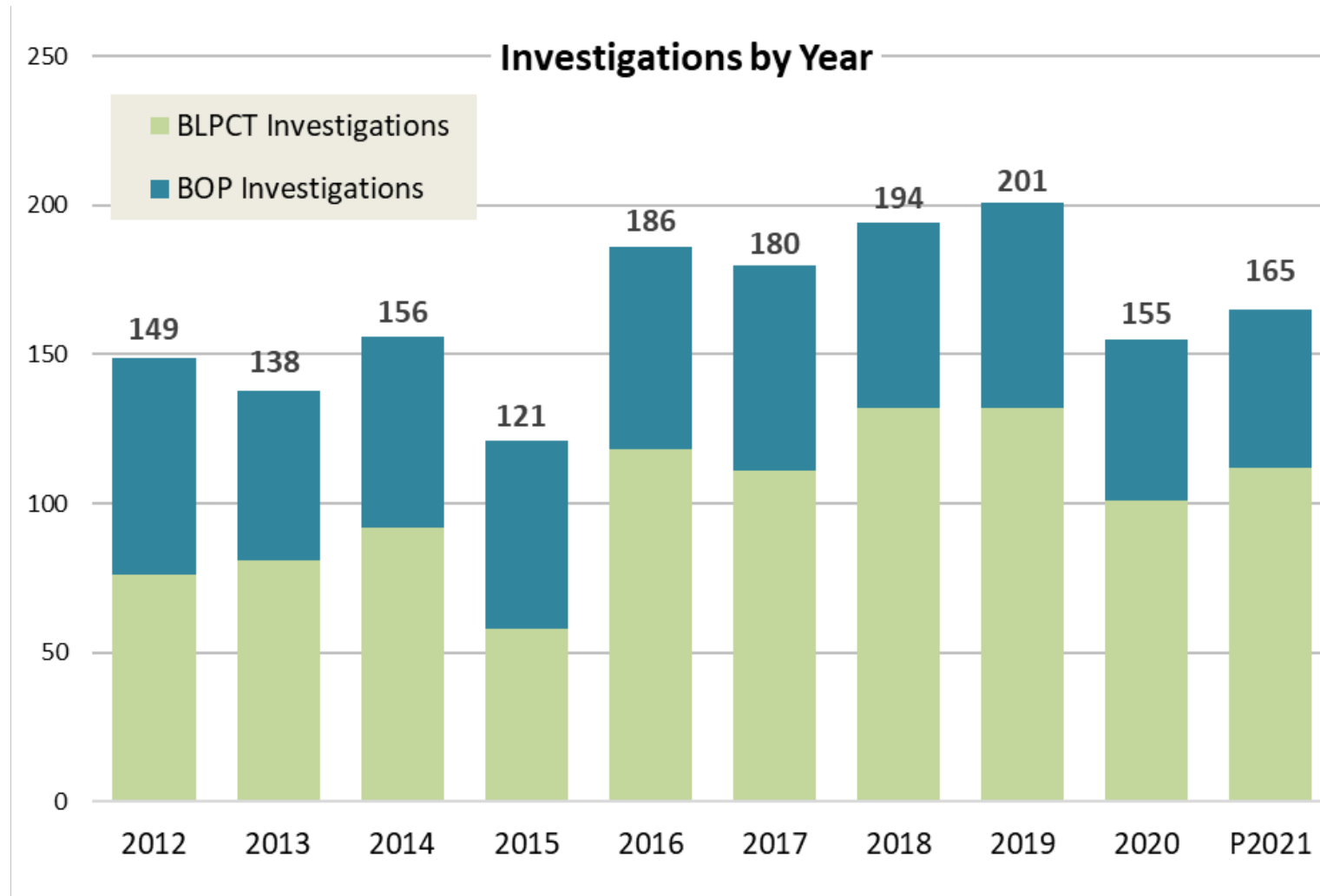
| <b>Year End 2020</b>                                     |   |              |
|--|---|--------------|
| <b>Board</b>   | <b>License Type</b>                     | <b>Count</b> |
| Board of Psychology                                      | Psychologists*                          | 2,187        |
|  | Psychologist Associates                 | 28           |
|  | Residents*                              | 79           |
| Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists | Licensed Professional Counselors        | 3,969        |
|  | Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists | 1,177        |
|  | Registered Interns                      | 1,573        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  |   | <b>9,013</b> |

\*Doctoral-level practitioners

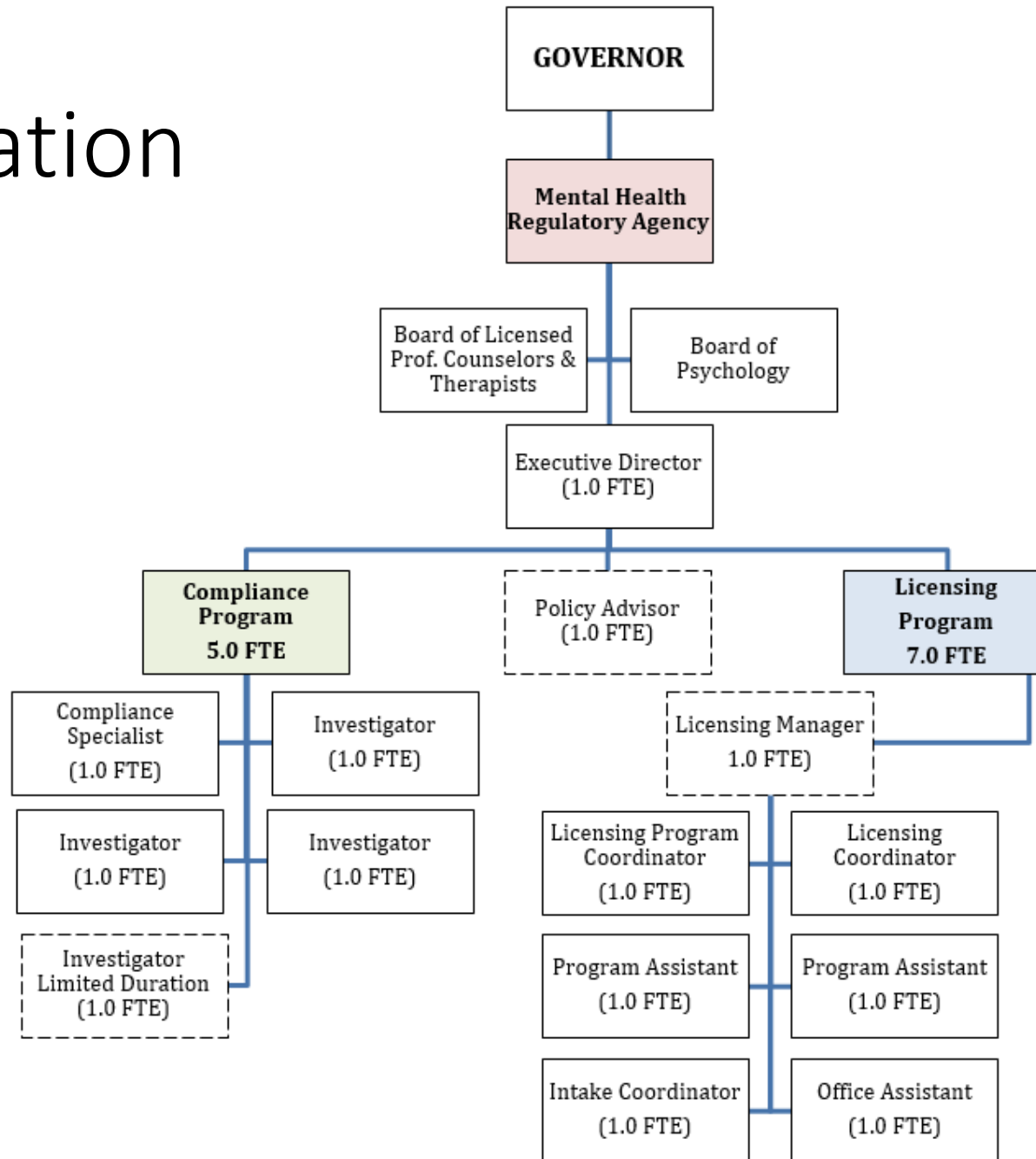
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# Organization



# Major Changes & Projects

- 2015-17
  - Pilot Project- shared Executive Director, BOP & BLPCT
  - Significant work towards plan for merger; MHRA concept development
- 2017-19
  - MHRA established (2018)
  - Continued work towards implementation and streamlining of operations
- 2019-21
  - New Licensing System (Database)
    - Online Applications, Application Tracking, Renewal, Fee Payment, Complaint Form
    - Automated email notices and reminders
    - Efficiency, Accuracy, & Service timeliness



# Budget Drivers & Risks

- 100% Other Funds. Major drivers:
  - Personal Services: Staffing (58%)
  - Attorney General Legal Costs (12%)
  - Professional Services (7%)
- Risks:
  - Case Fluctuation
  - Limited Staffing & Impact of Turnover
- Major Projects
  - New Licensing System (Database)

# Major Budget Information: POP #100

## **Licensing Manager Position**

- Creates New Position: Licensing Manager
- Reclassifies Current Position: Licensing Manager/Policy Advisor → Policy Advisor

# Major Budget Information: POP #101

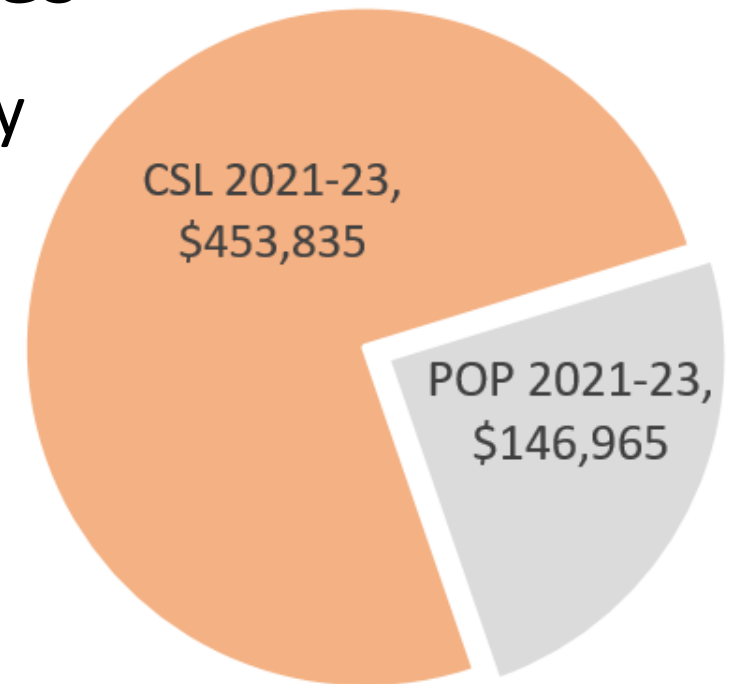
## **LD Investigator Position**

- Creates New Position: Investigator
- Limited Duration for 2021-23
- Evaluate needs for 2023-25

# Major Budget Information: POP #103

## Attorney General Fees

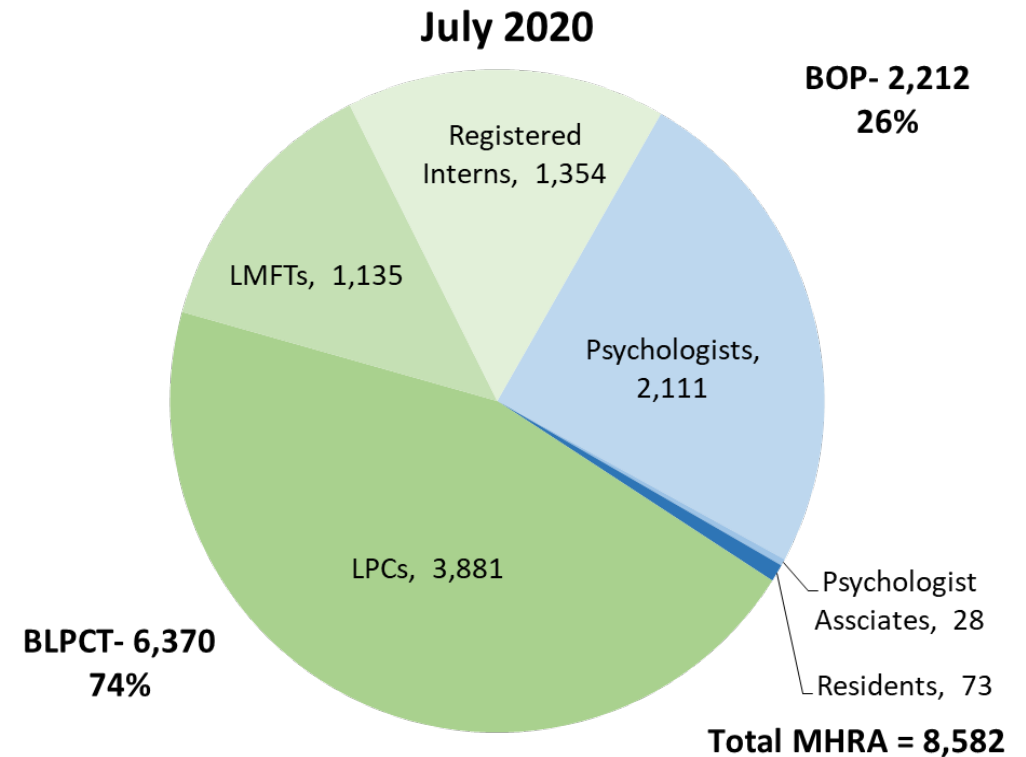
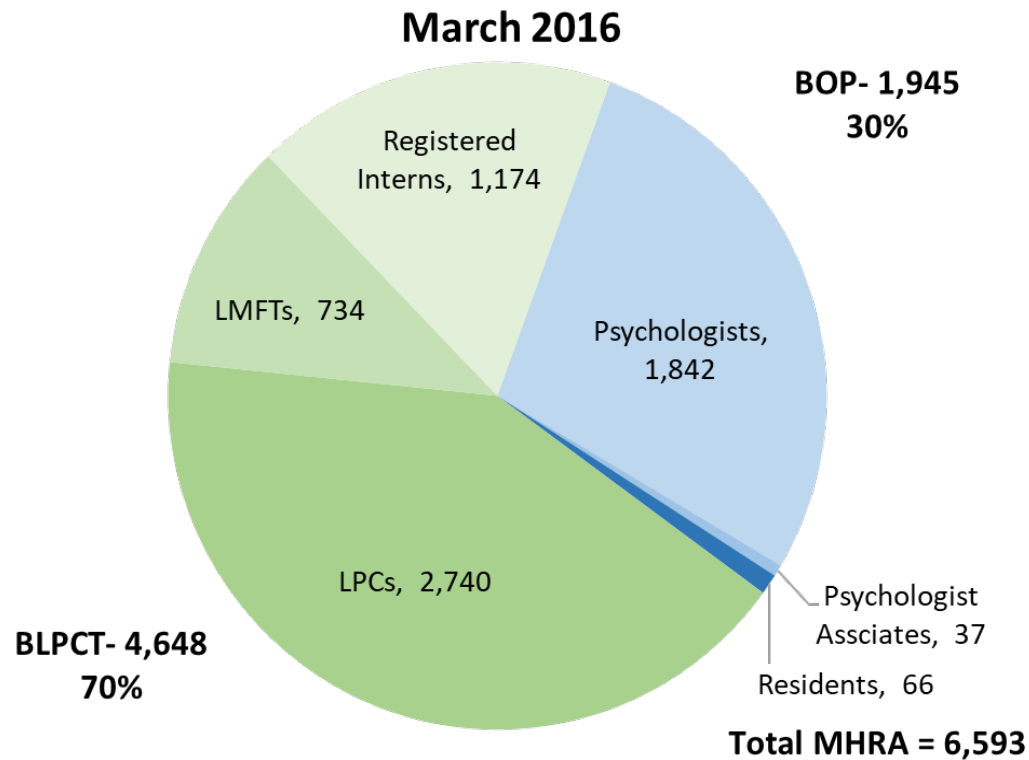
- Increases Services & Supplies Limitation by \$146,965 for 2021-23
- BOP: \$70,365 ; BLPCT: \$76,600



Projected AG Expenses for 2021-23  
\$600,800

# Major Budget Information: POP #104

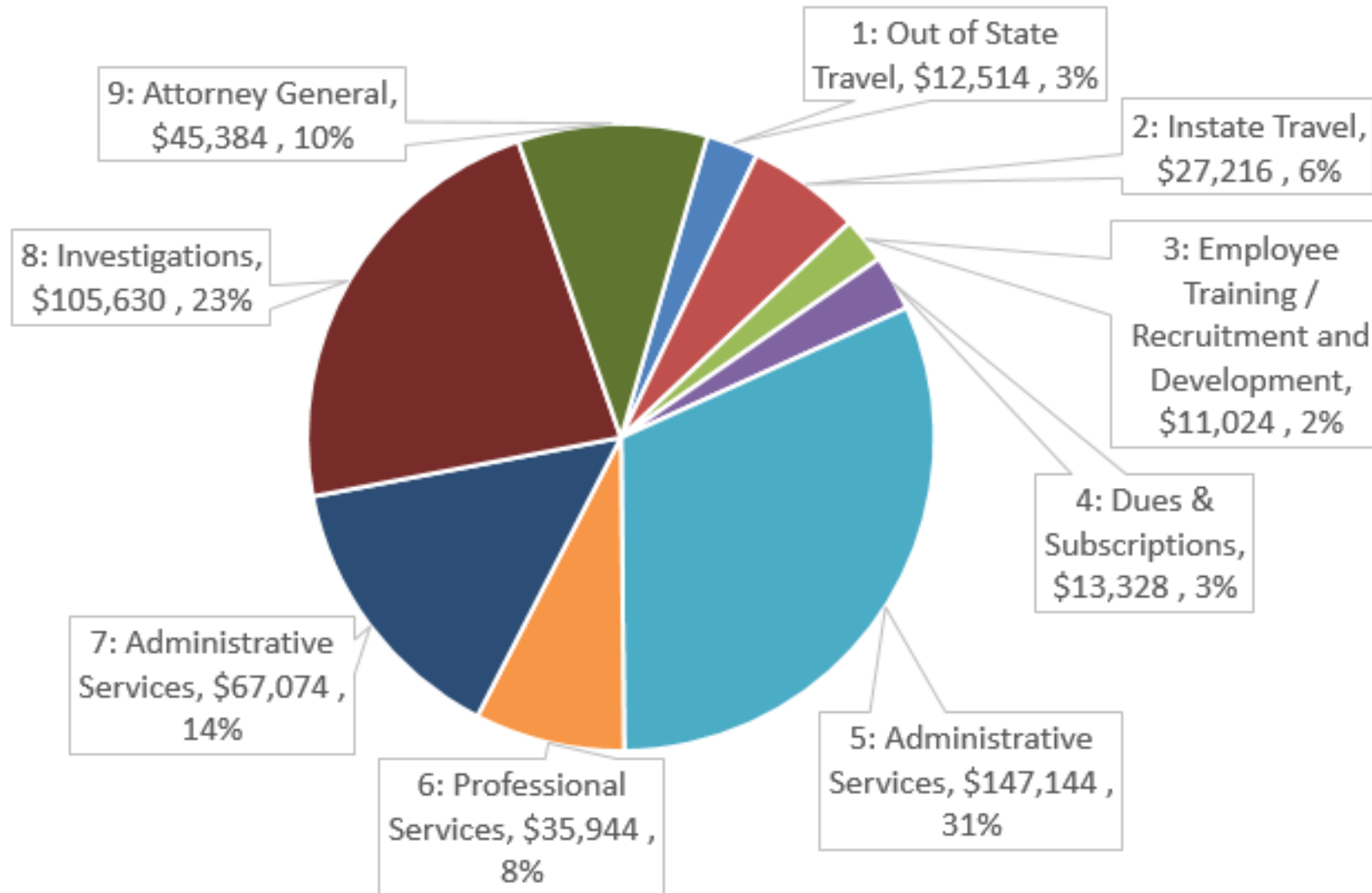
## Board Cost Allocation Adj



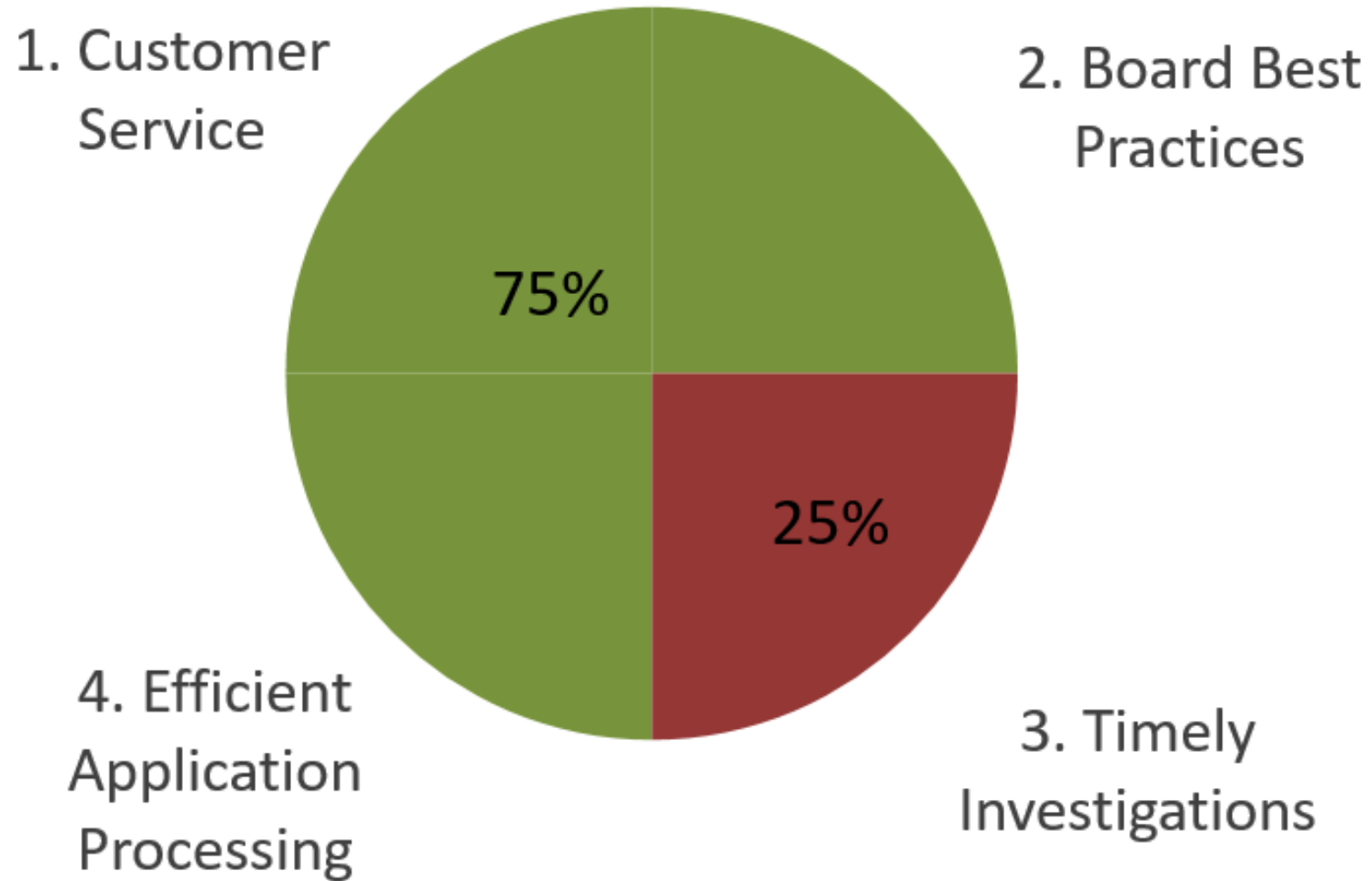
# Proposed Legislation

- 1) **HB 2114: Disciplinary Cost Assessment (BOP)**  
Allows BOP to assess disciplinary costs against persons disciplined.
- 2) **HB 2115: Unprofessional Conduct (BLPCT)**  
Allows BLPCT to sanction applicants/licensees for unprofessional conduct.
- 3) **HB 2116: Impairment and Evaluations (BLPCT)**  
Authorizes BLPCT to order mental health, medical condition or chemical dependency evaluations of applicants/licensees/interns.
- 4) **HB 2117: Psychologist Associate Sunset (BOP)**  
Repeals BOP's authority to issue new psychologist associate licenses.

# 10% Reduction Options



# KPMs Not Achieved





# Conclusion

We are hopeful that we will continue to receive support as we strive to achieve excellence in our service to Oregonians.

**Questions?**