

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget



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Agency Summary

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Agency Mission

To assist, educate, and protect the public through the implementation and enforcement of state laws mandating regulation and licensing of designated businesses, professions, occupations, and other specific activities while recognizing the need to foster a prosperous and sound business environment that serves the public interest.

Agency Description

The Department of Business Regulation's primary function is to implement state laws mandating the regulation and licensing of designated businesses, professions, occupations and other specified activities. The department is composed of five divisions and Central Management, which includes the budget, regulatory standards, compliance and enforcement. The respective divisions are: Banking, Securities, Insurance, Design Professionals, Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing, and the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner. The Director of Business Regulation is appointed by the Governor and serves statutorily as the State Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Insurance, Real Estate Administrator, Chief of Intoxicating Beverages, and State Boxing Commissioner. The Department also houses other commissions including the Real Estate Commission, Real Estate Appraisal Board, Rhode Island Board of Accountancy, the Certified Constables' Board, and the Racing and Athletics Hearing Board. The Department issues over 200,000 licenses and conducts administrative hearings involving issuances, administrative penalties, denials, suspensions and/or revocations

Statutory History

The department was established by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1939 and is organized under R.I.G.L. §§ 42-14-1 et seq.

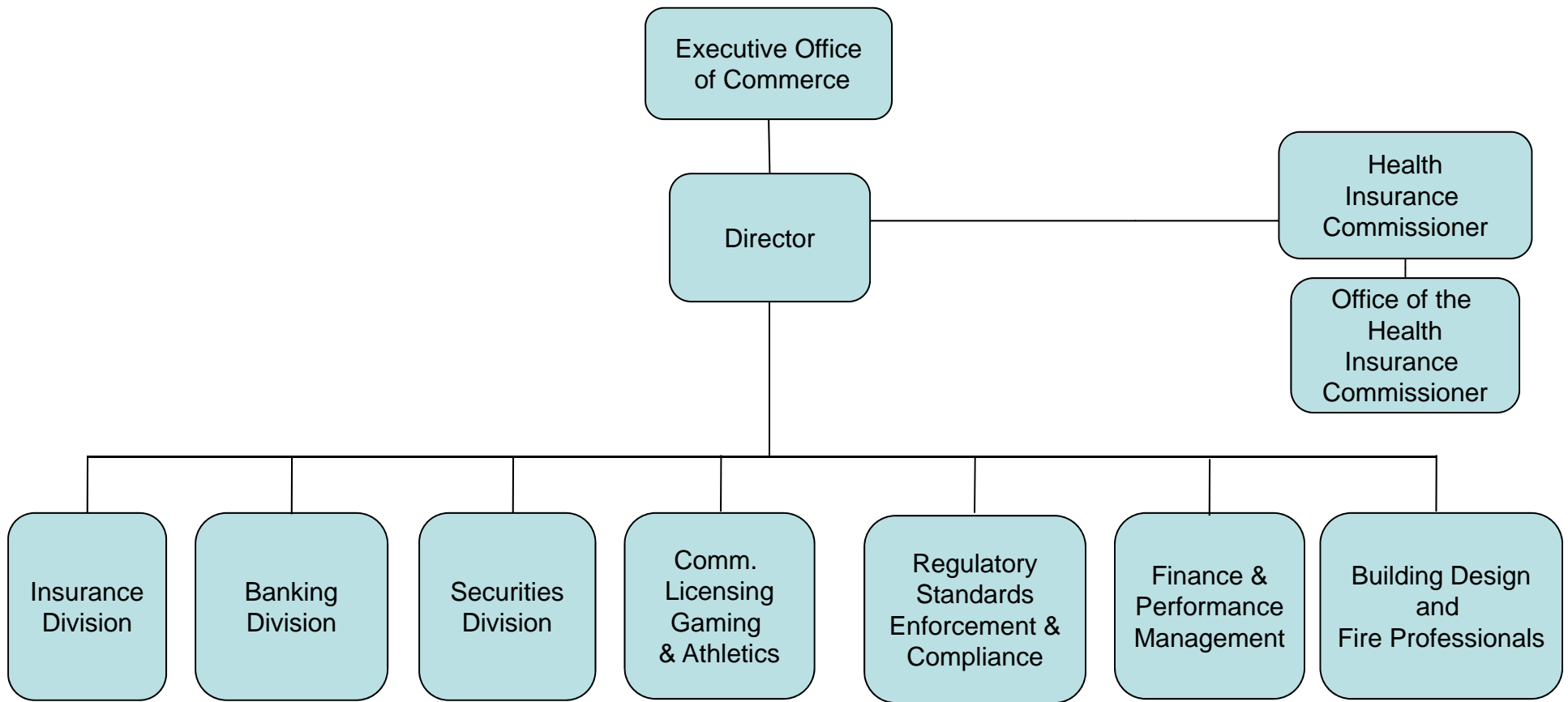
Budget

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	1,386,270	1,252,611	1,296,420	2,090,088	2,213,227
Banking Regulation	1,487,762	1,547,987	1,793,062	1,653,508	1,895,725
Securities Regulation	856,076	897,138	989,364	967,691	1,007,821
Insurance Regulation	4,414,197	4,896,926	5,751,931	5,780,270	5,866,969
Board of Accountancy	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000
Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing	1,237,470	2,097,854	2,671,652	2,648,523	3,298,252
Boards for Design Professionals	265,343	355,606	362,455	362,455	0
Office of Health Insurance Commissioner	3,551,977	3,074,848	2,735,299	2,744,876	2,386,602
Building and Design Professionals	0	0	0	(38,752)	7,855,695
Total Expenditures	13,204,877	14,129,016	15,606,183	16,214,659	24,530,291
Expenditures by Object					
Salary And Benefits	9,951,045	10,738,007	12,257,188	11,742,877	18,241,771
Contract Professional Services	2,661,505	2,640,898	2,226,213	2,444,494	2,516,682
Operating Supplies And Expenses	512,560	635,143	1,004,044	1,908,550	3,619,872
Assistance And Grants	0	0	80,000	80,000	80,000
Subtotal: Operating	13,125,110	14,014,048	15,567,445	16,175,921	24,458,325
Capital Purchases And Equipment	79,767	114,967	38,738	38,738	71,966
Subtotal: Other	79,767	114,967	38,738	38,738	71,966
Total Expenditures	13,204,877	14,129,016	15,606,183	16,214,659	24,530,291
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	8,174,920	9,864,377	10,815,093	11,321,093	17,166,351
Federal Funds	3,073,024	1,645,328	892,213	1,049,269	892,631
Restricted Receipts	1,956,933	2,619,311	3,898,877	3,844,297	6,404,812
Operating Transfers From Other Funds	0	0	0	0	66,497
Total Expenditures	13,204,877	14,129,016	15,606,183	16,214,659	24,530,291

The Agency

Department of Business Regulation



Performance Measures

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Timeliness of Banking Division License Issuance

The figures below represent the average amount of time it takes the Banking Division to issue a license. [Notes: The 2015 actual has been updated to reflect more accurate data. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Monthly</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	49.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	40.00
Actual	49.00	57.00	52.00	0.00	

Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner -- Small Group Premium Base Rates

The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) annually reviews and approves commercial premiums. This review supports OHIC's charge to balance insurance affordability and insurer solvency. This measure focuses on approved premiums for small groups (50 or fewer employees). Due to their size, small groups often have higher rates of increase than large employers and are more vulnerable to changes in their cost structure. OHIC has begun monitoring how closely the effective rates of increase track the approved rates, which will significantly improve future performance data monitoring. The figures below represent the average approved essential health benefits (EHB) base rate increase for small group issuers. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	4.30%	4.50%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
Actual	4.30%	0.50%	8.50%	0.00%	

Timeliness of Design Professionals License Issuance

The Boards for Design Professionals examines and licenses professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape and traditional architects. The figures below represent the average amount of time it takes the Boards for Design Professionals to issue a license. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Monthly</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	125.00	75.00	75.00	60.00	60.00
Actual	125.00	94.00	73.00	0.00	

OHIC -- Individual Market Premium Base Rates

The figures below represents the average approved individual market premium essential health benefits (EHB) base rate increase. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	7.40%	5.00%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Actual	7.40%	-2.50%	6.50%	0.00%	

Performance Measures

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Insurance Examiner Utilization Rate

The figures below represent the utilization rate for insurance examiners, calculated by dividing the hours billed to domestic insurance companies by the total hours examiners are available to work. This measure includes only examiner positions whose time is heavily weighted towards examinations with minimal administrative functions. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	68.00%	73.00%	73.00%	73.00%	73.00%
Actual	68.00%	61.70%	56.20%	0.00%	

Customer Satisfaction

The figures below represent average customer satisfaction across the Department, measured through surveys that contain multiple questions to solicit ratings of 1 to 5 that aggregate to a possible perfect score of 100. [Notes: The 2015 actual has been updated to reflect more accurate data. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	89.30	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Actual	89.30	88.00	88.20	0.00	

Business Environment Index

This performance measure assesses the average respondent's assessment of the Rhode Island business environment, measured through surveys that contain multiple questions to solicit ratings of 1 to 5 that aggregate to a possible perfect score of 100. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	0.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Actual	0.00	80.10	81.60	0.00	

Timeliness of Complaint Resolution

The figures below represent the average amount of time it takes across the Department to resolve complaints. [Notes: The 2015 actual has been updated to reflect more accurate data. Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Actual	10.00	5.00	7.00	0.00	

Performance Measures

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OHIC -- Insurer Surplus as a Percentage of Revenue (SAPOR)

Surplus as a Percent of Revenue (SAPOR) is the industry standard measure of health insurer financial stability. The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) tracks SAPOR in support of its legislative mandate to monitor insurer solvency. The figures below represent the straight average (unweighted by membership) of insurer SAPOR. Because SAPOR targets vary by insurance company, the targets below are averages for companies operating in the Rhode Island market. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Quarterly</i>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	17.90%	21.50%	20.50%	20.50%	20.50%
Actual	17.90%	16.70%	17.60%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Value-Based Alternative Payments

The figures below represent the use of value-based alternative payment models as percent of insured medical payments. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	26.10%	30.00%	40.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Actual	26.10%	31.00%	45.00%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Non-Fee-for-Service Payments

The figures below represent the use of strictly non-fee-for-service payments as percent of insured medical spend. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	1.40%	3.00%	6.00%	10.00%	10.00%
Actual	1.40%	2.00%	3.00%	0.00%	

OHIC -- Large Group Premium Base Rates

The figures below represent the average approved large group premium expected overall average premium trend. [Note: Missing values appear as zeros in the measure.]

	<i>Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year</i>				
<i>Frequency: Annual</i>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Target	5.30%	5.00%	4.50%	4.00%	4.00%
Actual	5.30%	4.90%	9.70%	0.00%	

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Central Management

Mission

To administer the functions for the department with regard to the licensing and regulation of designated businesses, occupations and professions through the enforcement of applicable state laws.

Description

Central Management is composed of the Director's Office, budget, regulatory standards, compliance and enforcement. Specific functions include legal research, drafting and analysis of legislation, issuance of legal opinions related to the department's operations, conducting administrative and rate hearings, and providing legal services to the Director, Deputy Directors, and advising the other commissions housed within the department. Central Management compiles, submits and monitors budgets of the respective divisions, approves vouchers and contracts, and provides all personnel and management services. The Director issues show cause and cease and desist orders; renders decisions relative to the operations of financial institutions and insurance companies; has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke licenses and approve or disapprove rates; and acts as receiver in case of insolvency of certain regulated entities. The Director or his/her designee may be a member of various occupational licensing boards and commissions assigned to the department by the legislature in order to assist in the administration and regulation of licensing programs. The Director is also a member of such diverse administrative bodies such as the Board of Bank Incorporation and the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation. Central Management is also responsible for monitoring legislation impacting the department and for the annual submission of its own legislative program.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. §42-14-1 establishes the Director as head of the department. R.I.G.L. §42-14-2 enumerates the functions of the department regarding the regulation of assigned occupations, businesses, and professions.

Budget

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Central Management

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	1,386,270	1,252,611	1,296,420	2,090,088	2,213,227
Total Expenditures	1,386,270	1,252,611	1,296,420	2,090,088	2,213,227
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	1,176,765	1,064,471	1,121,093	1,059,363	1,164,878
Contract Professional Services	4,846	21,996	30,758	30,758	30,758
Operating supplies and Expenses	159,586	154,156	142,532	997,930	1,015,554
Subtotal: Operating	1,341,197	1,240,623	1,294,383	2,088,051	2,211,190
Capital Purchases And Equipment	45,073	11,988	2,037	2,037	2,037
Subtotal: Other	45,073	11,988	2,037	2,037	2,037
Total Expenditures	1,386,270	1,252,611	1,296,420	2,090,088	2,213,227
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,386,270	1,252,611	1,296,420	2,090,088	2,213,227
Total Expenditures	1,386,270	1,252,611	1,296,420	2,090,088	2,213,227

Program Summary

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Banking Regulation

Mission

To charter, license and ensure compliance with statutory requirements for the safe and sound operation of regulated financial institutions, Rhode Island bank holding companies, credit unions and licensees in order to protect the public interest. The Banking Division seeks to create a sound financial services industry in the State of Rhode Island by being both a regulator and an advocate. We have interpreted that to mean fostering the growth of a diverse and resilient financial services industry that provides credit to all corners of Rhode Island, holds the confidence of its customers, and whom we do not prevent from competing, innovating, and thriving. We believe that sound and prudent regulation creates a level playing field on which our financial institutions can thrive while at the same time providing protection to Rhode Island consumers.

Description

The Banking Division provides regulatory oversight of state-chartered banks, state chartered credit unions and Rhode Island bank holding companies through financial examinations and reviews to determine compliance with state banking laws, financial solvency, and safety and soundness. The Division is also responsible for regulating, monitoring and examining other licensees, including almost 2,200 mortgage loan originators and approximately 1,100 companies licensed as debt collectors, third party loan servicers, lenders, loan brokers, small loan lenders, sellers of checks, electronic money transmitters, check cashers and debt-management companies. The purpose of examinations are to determine financial solvency and compliance with Rhode Island banking laws and regulations for the protection of depositors and the public. The Division reviews and conducts hearings on applications filed by financial institutions and other licensees. The Division enforces statutes relating to maximum interest charges and state usury laws and conducts administrative hearings when required. Additional responsibilities include investigating and resolving several hundred consumer complaints and inquiries each year.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. Chapters §§19-1 to 19-14.10 charge the Division of Banking with the regulation, licensing, or registration of financial institutions, Rhode Island bank holding companies, credit unions and licensees (lenders, loan brokers, small loan lenders, mortgage loan originators, foreign exchange transaction businesses, sellers of checks, electronic money transmitters, check cashers, and debt management companies and debt collectors.) RI General Laws §§6-26 to 6-27 relate to Interest, Usury and Truth in Lending. R.I.G.L. §§34-23 to 34-27 relate to Mortgages. R.I.G.L. §§19-14.3 to 19-14.8 relate to the Sale of Checks, Electronic Money Transfers, Foreign Exchange Transactions, Insurance Premium Finance Agreements and Debt Management Companies. Rhode Island General Laws §19-14.9 relates to the registration of debt collectors. R.I.G.L. §19-14.10 relates to the licensing and supervision of mortgage loan originators. R.I. Gen. Laws § 19-14.11 relates to the licensing of third party loan servicers.

Budget

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Banking Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	1,487,762	1,547,987	1,793,062	1,653,508	1,895,725
Total Expenditures	1,487,762	1,547,987	1,793,062	1,653,508	1,895,725
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	1,433,943	1,457,445	1,724,856	1,560,302	1,802,519
Contract Professional Services	13,650	2,548	1,360	1,360	1,360
Operating supplies and Expenses	36,745	80,082	61,846	86,846	86,846
Subtotal: Operating	1,484,338	1,540,075	1,788,062	1,648,508	1,890,725
Capital Purchases And Equipment	3,424	7,911	5,000	5,000	5,000
Subtotal: Other	3,424	7,911	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Expenditures	1,487,762	1,547,987	1,793,062	1,653,508	1,895,725
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	1,457,843	1,475,300	1,743,062	1,578,508	1,820,725
Restricted Receipts	29,919	72,686	50,000	75,000	75,000
Total Expenditures	1,487,762	1,547,987	1,793,062	1,653,508	1,895,725

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Securities Regulation

Mission

To enforce compliance with the applicable provisions of state laws and regulations related to the securities industry, franchises, charities, fund-raisers, and time-shares.

Description

Securities Regulation is responsible for the registration of certain securities, the licensing and regulation of broker-dealers, sales representatives, certain investment advisers and certain investment adviser representatives. The division is also responsible for enforcing compliance with the state's Franchise Investment Act, the registration of charitable organizations and fundraising groups, and the state's Real Estate Time-Share Act. In FY 2016, the division processed approximately 131,256 licenses and 14,844 registrations, conducted fifteen (15) on-site examinations of broker dealers and investment advisers, investigated 31 complaints, and instituted Five (5) enforcement actions, pursuant to applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Statutory History

The division is charged with the administration and enforcement of the Rhode Island Uniform Securities Act ("RIUSA"), R.I.G.L. §7-11; the Franchise Investment Act, R.I.G.L. §19-28.1; the Charitable Solicitation Act, R.I.G.L. §5-53.1; and the Real Estate Time-Share Act, R.I.G.L. §34-41.

Budget

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Securities Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	856,076	897,138	989,364	967,691	1,007,821
Total Expenditures	856,076	897,138	989,364	967,691	1,007,821
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	832,033	848,265	959,745	938,072	978,202
Contract Professional Services	6,960	21,419	0	0	0
Operating supplies and Expenses	16,615	27,454	29,619	29,619	29,619
Subtotal: Operating	855,608	897,138	989,364	967,691	1,007,821
Capital Purchases And Equipment	468	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	468	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	856,076	897,138	989,364	967,691	1,007,821
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	854,883	896,878	974,364	952,691	992,821
Restricted Receipts	1,193	260	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total Expenditures	856,076	897,138	989,364	967,691	1,007,821

Program Summary

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Insurance Regulation

Mission

To monitor effectively the financial condition and market conduct activities of insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Rhode Island. To monitor activities of all licensees such as producers, adjusters and appraisers. To ensure consumer access to an equitable insurance market and respond to consumer inquiries and investigate complaints to ensure consumers are treated fairly.

Description

The Insurance Division is responsible for conducting financial examinations of the 27 domestic insurance companies to ensure financial solvency and is also responsible for overseeing the market conduct of domestic or foreign insurance companies to ensure compliance with the insurance statutes and regulations. The Division also performs several licensing functions including, but not limited to, the licensing of over 1,300 insurance companies, over 120,000 insurance producers, adjusters and appraisers. The program also reviews rate and form filings for the Life, Accident and Health, and Property and Casualty lines of business for compliance with state statutes and regulations, and addresses consumer complaints for these lines of business. The program monitors and introduces legislation in order to protect consumers and maintain accreditation by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which it initially received in June of 1993. The division was re-accredited in December 1998, December 2003, June 2009, and in June 2014, each time receiving the maximum accreditation period of five years.

Statutory History

All chapters of R.I.G.L. §§27-1,42-14, and 28-29 through 28-38, and all Insurance Division regulations.

Budget

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Insurance Regulation

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	4,414,197	4,896,926	5,751,931	5,780,270	5,866,969
Total Expenditures	4,414,197	4,896,926	5,751,931	5,780,270	5,866,969
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	3,225,402	3,704,793	4,092,511	3,996,342	4,021,816
Contract Professional Services	1,022,405	1,025,723	1,468,048	1,574,336	1,635,421
Operating supplies and Expenses	144,874	157,108	187,872	206,092	206,232
Subtotal: Operating	4,392,681	4,887,624	5,748,431	5,776,770	5,863,469
Capital Purchases And Equipment	21,516	9,302	3,500	3,500	3,500
Subtotal: Other	21,516	9,302	3,500	3,500	3,500
Total Expenditures	4,414,197	4,896,926	5,751,931	5,780,270	5,866,969
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	3,064,604	3,588,377	3,925,436	3,851,223	3,872,109
Restricted Receipts	1,349,593	1,308,549	1,826,495	1,929,047	1,994,860
Total Expenditures	4,414,197	4,896,926	5,751,931	5,780,270	5,866,969

Program Summary

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Board of Accountancy

Mission

The board intends to continue to intensify its analysis of continuing education records, as well as firm compliance with peer reviews, to efficiently process license renewals and responses, and to commence and resolve disciplinary actions efficiently and promptly.

Description

The Board of Accountancy is an autonomous board that is responsible for the administration of the licensing of certified public accountants, public accountants, partnerships, corporations, and sole proprietorships. It processes applications and fees, and issues initial certificates and permits to regulated business, occupations and professions. The board is responsible for governing the conduct of assigned licensees in order to comply with statutory provisions of the law and to promote the continued welfare of the general public. This includes recommending approval, denial, suspension or revocation of licenses or the imposition of such sanctions or penalties allowed by law. Hearings are held when required in order to resolve complaints and to act upon the denial, suspension or revocation of licenses. The board investigates complaints from the general public in all areas of licensing addressed above. Board personnel oversee the analysis of each CPA or PA application prior to Board review. In addition, Board personnel provide the general public with application and licensing information regarding all certified public accountants and public accountants and update monthly the listing of individual licensees and CPA firms on the DBR website, which facilitates information to the general public.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. §§5-3.1 et seq. (1956) relate to the Board of Accountancy.

Budget

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Board of Accountancy

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Expenditures	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000
Expenditures by Object					
Contract Professional Services	0	188	0	0	0
Operating supplies and Expenses	5,782	5,858	6,000	6,000	6,000
Subtotal: Operating	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Expenditures	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Expenditures	5,782	6,046	6,000	6,000	6,000

Program Summary

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Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing

Mission

To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of occupational licensing programs and inspections in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

To enforce, adjust, amend, and interpret all rules and regulations of all professional boxing, and mixed martial arts events in the state.

Description

Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing is responsible for the licensing and regulation of real estate agents, brokers and appraisers, auto body and salvage re-builder shops, auto wrecking and salvage yards, glass installation, auctioneers, liquor wholesalers, manufacturers, breweries, wineries, farmer wineries, brew pubs, brew on premise, salespersons (representing wholesalers) and agents (representing manufacturers and distillers), Class G (boat/airline/railroad) license holders, line-cleaners, class P caterer, and mobile and manufactured homes and parks and the enforcement of unit pricing, motor fuel advertising and health club pre-opening laws. The division is also responsible for supervising the enforcement of laws related to licensing and regulation of gaming and athletics licensing activities, including boxing, and mixed martial arts and simulcast wagering and the accounting and collection of racing taxes and fees as specified by state law. The division is also responsible for the licensing, registration and oversight of Medical Marijuana Program participants who commercially produce, manufacture, or sell medical marijuana and industrial hemp. The program provides the general public with application and licensing information for various occupations, businesses and professions. It investigates complaints received from the general public in all areas of licensing. The division also oversees simulcast wagering operations at the Twin River and Newport Grand facilities and conducts and participates in hearings, collects tax revenue and issues occupational licenses.

Statutory History

R.I. General Law §5-58 relates to auctioneers; R.I. General Law §5-20.5 relates to real estate; R.I. General Law §5-20.7 relates to real estate appraisers; R.I. General Law §5-38 relates to automobile body repair shops; R.I. General Law §5-50 relates to pre-opening of health club sales campaigns; R.I. General Law §6-31 relates to unit pricing; R.I. General Laws §§23-26 relate to bedding and upholstered furniture; R.I. General Laws §§31-44 and §31-44.1 relate to mobile and manufactured homes; R.I. General Law §42-14.2 relates to auto wrecking and salvage yards; R.I. General Laws §§31-37 relate to advertising and sale of motor fuel at retail, R.I. General Law §31-46-7 relates to auto body salvage re-builders' licenses; and R.I. General Law §3-1 relates to alcoholic beverages. R.I. General Law §21-28.6 relates to the Medical Marijuana Program; R.I. General Law §2-26 relates to industrial hemp. relates to auctioneers. R.I. General Law §41-1 Sports, Racing, and Athletics. On 8/11/2016 the statute was amended to Division of Gaming and Athletics Licensing.

Budget

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Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	1,237,470	2,097,854	2,671,652	2,648,523	3,298,252
Total Expenditures	1,237,470	2,097,854	2,671,652	2,648,523	3,298,252
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	1,183,548	1,768,239	2,107,326	2,076,638	2,562,325
Contract Professional Services	0	147,420	1,040	1,040	21,040
Operating supplies and Expenses	49,403	116,123	455,085	462,644	576,686
Assistance And Grants	0	0	80,000	80,000	80,000
Subtotal: Operating	1,232,951	2,031,782	2,643,451	2,620,322	3,240,051
Capital Purchases And Equipment	4,519	66,072	28,201	28,201	58,201
Subtotal: Other	4,519	66,072	28,201	28,201	58,201
Total Expenditures	1,237,470	2,097,854	2,671,652	2,648,523	3,298,252
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	670,159	871,522	893,038	909,372	1,088,106
Restricted Receipts	567,311	1,226,332	1,778,614	1,739,151	2,210,146
Total Expenditures	1,237,470	2,097,854	2,671,652	2,648,523	3,298,252

Program Summary

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Boards for Design Professionals

Mission

To examine, license, register and act upon complaints brought before the Boards for professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects and architects for the purpose of safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Description

In the 1998 enacted budget, the Boards for Design Professionals was created as a consolidated program consisting of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, the Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors, the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects and the Board of Examination and Registration of Architects. Each Board is responsible for: examining and registering qualified candidates; issuing license renewals when appropriate; proctoring exams when appropriate; maintaining records of all applicants and licensees; implementing rules and regulation; and hearing and acting upon complaints. In the FY 2008 enacted budget, the Boards for Design Professionals was moved to the Department of Business Regulation as a division known as Design Professionals.

Statutory History

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Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Boards for Design Professionals

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	265,343	355,606	362,455	362,455	0
Total Expenditures	265,343	355,606	362,455	362,455	0
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	211,574	285,942	303,702	303,702	0
Contract Professional Services	0	13,031	1,200	1,200	0
Operating supplies and Expenses	53,635	56,060	57,553	57,553	0
Subtotal: Operating	265,209	355,033	362,455	362,455	0
Capital Purchases And Equipment	134	573	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	134	573	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	265,343	355,606	362,455	362,455	0
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	265,343	355,606	362,455	362,455	0
Total Expenditures	265,343	355,606	362,455	362,455	0

Program Summary

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Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

Mission

While ensuring the solvency of health insurers, the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner strives to protect consumers, encourage the fair treatment of providers, and work collaboratively with all interested parties to improve the health care system's quality, accessibility, and affordability.

Description

The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) is the first state agency dedicated solely to health insurance oversight – balancing traditional regulation with policy development. OHIC's core functions include: (1) consumer protection and market conduct; (2) health plan form and rate review across multiple health insurance lines of business (3) statutory and regulatory enforcement; and (4) policy development for health care system reform. OHIC oversees health insurer business practices in a market comprising over one billion dollars of premium. The Department of Business Regulation shares certain administrative and regulatory services and personnel with the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner as directed by statute.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. §42-14.5-1 established the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner. Applicable insurer regulations are found in various chapters of the R.I.G.L. Titles 27 and 42.

Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Office of Health Insurance Commissioner

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Operations	3,551,977	3,074,848	2,735,299	2,744,876	2,386,602
Total Expenditures	3,551,977	3,074,848	2,735,299	2,744,876	2,386,602
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	1,887,780	1,608,852	1,947,955	1,847,210	1,664,903
Contract Professional Services	1,613,644	1,408,572	723,807	835,800	638,150
Operating supplies and Expenses	45,920	38,303	63,537	61,866	80,321
Subtotal: Operating	3,547,344	3,055,727	2,735,299	2,744,876	2,383,374
Capital Purchases And Equipment	4,633	19,121	0	0	3,228
Subtotal: Other	4,633	19,121	0	0	3,228
Total Expenditures	3,551,977	3,074,848	2,735,299	2,744,876	2,386,602
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	470,036	1,418,037	1,614,318	1,570,756	1,638,304
Federal Funds	3,073,024	1,645,328	892,213	1,049,269	513,791
Restricted Receipts	8,917	11,484	228,768	124,851	234,507
Total Expenditures	3,551,977	3,074,848	2,735,299	2,744,876	2,386,602

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Budget

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

Building and Design Professionals

Expenditures by Sub Program	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Enacted Budget	2018 Revised Budget	2019 Recommended
Boards for Design Professionals	0	0	0	(38,752)	335,643
Contractor's Registration and Licensing Board	0	0	0	0	1,327,490
Fire Code Board of Appeal and Review	0	0	0	0	342,446
Fire Marshal	0	0	0	0	4,314,323
State Building Code Commission	0	0	0	0	1,535,793
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	(38,752)	7,855,695
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and benefits	0	0	0	(38,752)	6,047,128
Contract Professional Services	0	0	0	0	189,953
Operating supplies and Expenses	0	0	0	0	1,618,614
Subtotal: Operating	0	0	0	(38,752)	7,855,695
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	(38,752)	7,855,695
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
General Revenue	0	0	0	0	5,535,059
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	378,840
Restricted Receipts	0	0	0	(38,752)	1,875,299
Operating Transfers from Other Funds	0	0	0	0	66,497
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	(38,752)	7,855,695