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Pursuant to lowa Code section 105.9, the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board submits the following annual budget report to the Iowa Legislature. Iowa Code section 105.9 requires the board to demonstrate that revenues remain within $10 \%$ of expenditures over a period of at least three years.

## SFY 2019 Renewal Cycle:

- A contract with CSDC (OCIO contracted software vendor) was signed in SFY2015 to develop a new database system for the ADPER \& EH division-wide licensing system. The Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board (PMSB) was one of 16 programs to move into this system.
- On May 16, 2017, the database went "live" for PMSB licensees to begin renewal online. The goal for the program was to have $80 \%$ of its licensees renew online. Since that date, approximately $83 \%$ of individuals and contractors have renewed online, while $17 \%$ renewed by paper.
- The "one stop shop" to renew the lowa Workforce Development (IWD) contractor registration and lowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) contractor license was implemented in the SFY17/18 renewal cycle. Contractors are able to renew their IWD registration and IDPH license through the IDPH Regulatory Programs portal or by submitting a joint paper application to IDPH.
- Rules which became effective March 12, 2014, set the initial and renewal fee for apprentice licensure at $\$ 50.00$, journeyperson at $\$ 180.00$, master licenses at $\$ 240.00$ and contractor licenses at $\$ 250.00$. All licenses cover a three-year licensing period and have the expiration date of June 30, 2020. The department is reviewing the current fee structure to determine when a fee increase will be necessary to sustain the current level of services provided to licensees.
- In addition to PMSB office staff, there is one Help Desk staff and one LaunchIT staff to manage the Help Desk for 16 regulatory programs. From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, the Help Desk staff logged a total of 710 inbound and outbound calls for PMSB licensees. The average time of those phone calls was 4.4 minutes. The Help Desk staff also responded to 42 email inquiries. These numbers are expected to increase dramatically during SFY2020 due to the licensing renewal date of July 1, 2020 for all PMSB licensees.
- In SFY2019, a lobby area on the fifth floor of the Lucas Building was constructed to serve all of the ADPER \& EH Regulatory programs, including the Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board.
- In SFY2019 the PMSB Office transferred a staff member to the Help Desk and laid off one staff member due to budget concerns. Between the renewal in 2017 to present day, the office staff has been reduced by $64 \%$ going from 11 staff members to 4 staff members. All four staff members are also working in the Lead Certification program and are not solely dedicated to the PMSB Office. This is a concern for the upcoming 2020 renewal and how it will impact customer service.


## SFY2018 thru SFY 2019 Licensee Data Snapshot (data pulled 11/20/19)

- Expiration dates on these licenses are June 30, 2020
- The data pulled is aggregate data from SFY2017- SFY2019
- There are 18,581 individual licenses and 2005 contractor licenses.

| Total Active <br> Contractor License <br> with Expiration of <br> 2020 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total \# of Master of <br> Records (MORs) | 3124 | MOR-Plumbing: 1542 <br> MOR-Hydronics: 215 |


|  |  | MOR-Mechanical: 750 MOR-HVAC/R: 617 |
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| Inactive Master/Active Journey (IM/AJ) | 111 | Plumbing: 67 <br> Hydronics: 8 <br> Mechanical: 13 <br> HVAC/R: 23 |
| Total \# of Apprentices | 2156 |  |
| Total \# of Hearth Systems | 6 |  |
| Total \# of Private College | 7 |  |
| Total \# of Disconnect/Reconnect | 38 |  |
| Total \# of HVAC Service Tech | 260 |  |
| Total \# of Med Gas | 101 |  |
| Total \# of Journey Licenses | 6400 | Plumbing: 2584 <br> Hydronics: 794 <br> Mechanical: 1196 <br> HVAC/R: 1707 <br> Sheet Metal: 119 |
| Total \# of Master Licenses | 6378 | Plumbing: 3152 <br> Hydronics: 380 <br> Mechanical: 1447 <br> HVAC/R: 1358 |
| Total \# of individuals that hold more than 1 license | 3702 |  |
| Total \# of applicants that received a discount | 3795 | Individuals: 3310 <br> Contractors: 485 |
| Late Renewals for Individuals (received after July 30, 2017) | 915 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 60.00 \text { Late Fee: } 415 \\ & \$ 100.00 \text { Late Fee: } 499 \end{aligned}$ |

SFY2019/SFY2020 expenditures and projected annual budget through SFY2024:

| Expenditure Summary FY 2019 \& FY 2020 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| State Fiscal Year | Revenue <br> (includes. carryover) | Expenditures | Balance |
| $2019^{*}$ | $\$ 2,052,467$ | $\$ 882,603$ | $\$ 1,168,863$ |
| 2020 | $\$ 1,288,863$ | $\$ 1,091,809$ | $\$ 175,064$ |
| Projected Revenue and Expenditures FY 2021 through 2024** |  |  |  |

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| 2021 | $\$ 2,415,063^{* *}$ | $\$ 1,267,322$ | $\$ 1,147,741$ |
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| 2022 | $\$ 1,267,741$ | $\$ 1,303,276$ | $(\$ 35,535)$ |
| 2023 | $\$ 120,000^{* * *}$ | $\$ 1,340,308$ | $(\$ 1,255,843)$ |
| 2024 | $\$ 120,000^{* * *}$ | $\$ 1,378,452$ | $(\$ 2,514,295)$ |

*The revenue and expenditures for FY19 are actual expenses. See additional attachment for a more detailed summary.
**This number was estimated from the amount collected for renewals in FY18 and includes an estimated $20 \%$ loss of revenue for those licensees who choose to not renew. This revenue will begin to come into the department in FY2020, since it is impossible to tell how many licensees will renew in FY2020 vs. FY2021, the revenue has been allocated to FY2021.
***This is money from new licenses.

## Assumptions:

- The expenditures above assume that personnel costs and indirect costs at $35.9 \%$ remain stable.
- The revenue and expenditures above assume that the renewal cycle will remain in the current format with all licensees renewing at one time every three years.


## Conclusions:

- IDPH transitioned to the new CSDC licensing software (AMANDA) in CY2017. IDPH continues to work with the vendor to develop cost estimates for ongoing hosting and maintenance, and will adjust budgeting projections for FY 18 and beyond as more detailed estimates are established. While the initial database is functioning, much was learned during the July 1,2017 , renewal period and enhancements will need to be made resulting in potentially additional costs. The ultimate impact on budget numbers is not yet fully understood.
- It should also be noted that the common perception that new technology that increases efficiencies also results in costs savings is inaccurate. While technology may reduce the need for certain administrative costs, there is an offset (an often an increase) in staffing costs with the need to have information technology staff who can manage and maintain the technology.
- The SFY20-SFY22 budget shows a three year estimated revenue generation of $\$ 2,479,999$ and estimated expenditures equal to $\$ 3,662,407$. This means projected revenues only cover approximately $68 \%$ of projected expenditures over the three- year budgeting cycle. The goal is to achieve revenues remaining within $10 \%$ of expenditures over a period of at least three years.
- These projections, when adjusted with additional details regarding hosting and maintenance costs of AMANDA, necessary upgrade to AMANDA 7, increasing indirect rates, and salary adjustments, indicates a need to review and update the fee structure to support the upward trend in expenditures.

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