

Chair Backer and Committee Members:

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for protection of the public through the regulation of dietitians and nutritionists in the state of Minnesota. The Board was established in 1995 under the authority of MN Statutes, [Chapter 148](#). Dietitians and Nutritionists are food and nutrition experts who work throughout our communities in hospitals, schools, public health clinics, nursing homes, fitness centers, food management, food industry, universities, research and private practice.

Currently, Minnesota has 2,500 licensed Dietitians and Nutritionists and an additional 107 initiated applications. Over the last five years, the Board has seen significant growth in the number of licensees as well as revenue.

Fiscal Year	Revenue
2020	\$191,784
2021	\$212,000
2022	\$224,000
2023	\$240,000
2024	\$284,000
2025*	\$299,703*

*FY 2025 is projected revenue.

Actual revenue as of 3/1/25 is \$265,068.

Fiscal Year	New Licensees
2020	176
2021	191
2022	240
2023	276
2024	328
2025*	344*

*FY 2025 is projected new applicants.

Actual number of new applicants as of 3/1/25 is 237.

This fiscal year, the Board is projected to increase its revenue by 56% compared to FY20. Additionally, the Board expects to issue 168 more new licenses than it did in 2020, representing a 95% increase in the number of new licensees.

The Board also provides license verification services and to date has verified 336 licenses in FY25.

With the increase in applicants and revenues, the Board is facing a corresponding rise in workload. Our current appropriation is \$217,000, with expected revenues of \$300,000. To address the increased demands, the Board is requesting a modest appropriation increase of \$60,000 to fill a currently vacant part-time Office & Administrative Specialist position. At present, the Board operates with only one full-time employee—the Executive Director. This increase in appropriation will not lead to any fee increase.

Respectfully,

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February 26th, 2025

To: Chair Jeff Backer, Members of the House HFP Committee

From: Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director

Summary Information on Board of Dentistry Change Item Request

- Board of Dentistry, along with other Minnesota Health Regulatory Boards, is a self-funded agency
- No general fund dollars used to support Board operations
- Increase in appropriation is needed to support an additional 1FTE position
- No increase in fees requested, current receipts from license fees support
- Position will provide administrative support to Practitioner Review Unit (Complaints and Compliance)

Why is this position needed?

- Complexity of Board complaints and number of complaints per year is increasing
- To serve in a key role to assist in preparation for review of special imaging, complex dental and oral surgery records, request and receipt of records and related complaint materials
- To support organization and preparation for complaint evaluation and compliance review by members
- To provide additional support for phone and email contact with the public and complainants

Further detail is contained in the Change Item Request provided to the Committee



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March 3, 2025

To: Chair Jeff Backer, Members of the House HFP Committee

From: Pam Johnson, Executive Director

Summary Information on Board of Veterinary Medicine Change Item Request

- The Board of Veterinary Medicine is a self-funded agency and receives no general fund dollars to support its operations.
- An increase in appropriations is requested to fund one additional Full-Time Employee (FTE) position for the licensing of veterinary technicians.
- A fee increase is also necessary, as current license fees are insufficient to support operational expenses and the agency's activities.

Why is a new employee needed

- New statutes governing the licensing of veterinary technicians in Minnesota will take effect on July 1, 2026.
- This change is expected to increase the Board's workload significantly, with an estimated 3,000 additional veterinary technicians requiring licensing.
- Current staffing levels will be inadequate to manage this increase in workload, which could lead to delays in processing and a reduction in customer service quality.

Why is a fee increase requested?

- The Board has not raised its fees since 1997.
- Due to inflation and rising operational costs, the current fee structure no longer meets the financial needs of the agency.
- Without a revenue increase, the Board projects it will be unable to meet its primary mission within the next 2-3 years.
- Additionally, the Board relies on the State Attorney General's office for legal support in handling complex complaints. Their increasing fees, coupled with the Board's limited revenue, pose a risk of a budget deficit. Without the necessary revenue, the Board's ability to conduct investigations, consult experts, and secure OAH rulings would be compromised.