

**GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

Agency 165

**Board of Accountancy**

**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2005-07 Expenditure Authority</b>	10.3		2,236	2,236
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	10.3		2,324	2,324
Difference			88	88
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		3.9%	3.9%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Enhancement Database Structure			60	60
Increase Investigative Resources	1.0		185	185
Revise Pension Gain-Sharing #			(4)	(4)
Nonrepresented Staff Health Benefit			9	9
Nonrepresented Staff Salary Change			72	72
<b>Subtotal</b>	1.0		322	322
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	11.3		2,646	2,646
Difference	1.0		410	410
Percent Change from Current Biennium	9.7%		18.3%	18.3%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Regulation of Public Accountants	7.6		1,708	1,708
Investigation of Public Accountants	3.7		718	718
CPA Consumer Protection Information			60	60
Other Statewide Adjustments			160	160
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	11.3		2,646	2,646

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Enhancement Database Structure**

The Board's database needs to be migrated to a new platform in order to enhance stability and meet new information technology standards. (Certified Public Accountants' Account-State)

**Increase Investigative Resources**

An additional field investigator will be hired to enable the Board to be proactive in protecting the public from high risk certified public accountant licensees and those who violate professional standards. (Certified Public Accountants' Account-State)

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### **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **Regulation of Public Accountants**

As required by Chapter 18.04 RCW, the Board of Accountancy administers exams and issues licenses to certified public accountants (CPAs), CPA firms, and firm owners to ensure public protection and the reliability of financial information. The board establishes and audits compliance with education, examination, good character, ethics, and experience requirements prior to licensure. To continue to meet established performance standards and ethics requirements, the Board reviews and monitors charges against CPAs and firms, and audits compliance with continuing professional education requirements. The Board is funded by license fees paid by CPAs, firms, and firm owners.

#### **Investigation of Public Accountants**

The Board of Accountancy investigates complaints related to the compliance of certified public accountants (CPAs), CPA firms, and firm owners with technical and ethical standards. These standards are established in state and federal laws, board rules, and by various accounting standards boards; U.S. General Accounting Office; federal Office of Management and Budget; Securities and Exchange Commission; Internal Revenue Service; and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The board also investigates and takes action against individuals illegally posing as CPAs.

#### **CPA Consumer Protection Information**

The Board of Accountancy provides general and specific consumer protection information and is funded by license fees paid by CPAs, firms, and firm owners.

#### **Other Statewide Adjustments**

This item reflects proposed compensation and other adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. The agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.