

Agency 195

Liquor Control Board

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2011-13 Expenditure Authority	843.0		189,913	189,913
Total Maintenance Level	275.5		63,602	63,602
Difference	(567.5)		(126,311)	(126,311)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(67.3)%		(66.5)%	(66.5)%
Performance Changes				
Enforcement Officers	10.0		2,082	2,082
I-502 Implementation			2,494	2,494
New Step M for Classified Employees - Year 2 Implementation			8	8
Subtotal	10.0		4,584	4,584
Total Proposed Budget	285.5		68,186	68,186
Difference	(557.5)		(121,727)	(121,727)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(66.1)%		(64.1)%	(64.1)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Administrative Activity	103.4		27,375	27,375
Enforcement of Liquor Control Laws	111.2		26,240	26,240
Liquor Licensing and Permits	62.9		12,015	12,015
Regulation of Manufacturers, Importers and Wholesalers				
Tobacco Tax Enforcement	8.0		2,556	2,556
Total Proposed Budget	285.5		68,186	68,186

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Enforcement Officers

Fund additional enforcement officers to address public safety concerns associated with the increase in on- and off-premise licensees, product theft and smuggling, and underage consumption. Officers will perform duties such as educating licensees and conducting investigations and undercover compliance checks. (Liquor Revolving Account-State)

I-502 Implementation

The implementation of Initiative 502 (an act relating to marijuana) creates additional rulemaking, information technology, and licensing activities related to marijuana production, distribution, and sales. Expenditure authority is increased in the Liquor Revolving Account to reflect these costs. (Liquor Revolving Account-State).

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Administrative Activity

The Liquor Control Board (LCB) establishes policies for the regulation of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products throughout the state. Activities funded in this category include costs for the overall management of agency employees, and oversight of administrative and policy duties.

Enforcement of Liquor Control Laws

The Retail Enforcement section protects and serves the public by striving to ensure legal acquisition and responsible use of alcohol and tobacco.. This is achieved primarily through educational efforts and enforcement operations. Educational efforts include: liquor law briefing materials and education for licensees and staff; technical assistance visits; liquor law training for law enforcement officers; partnerships with community/prevention groups; and licensing support. Enforcement operations include: premises visits; compliance checks; undercover operations; joint patrols with local law enforcement; emphasis at locations of strategic interest; regulatory enforcement; investigation of citizen/law enforcement complaints; alcohol related serious injury accident investigation; and financial audits.

Liquor Licensing and Permits

The Program Administration, License Investigation, License Processing, and Customer Service Units review and report on all license applications, permit applications, and business modification requests from current license holders; approve all liquor license and permit applications and renewals except those involving extensive investigation or requiring a board decision; maintain official licensing records and make documents available for court, administrative action, and public records requests; and provide licensing information for applicants and the general public.

Regulation of Manufacturers, Importers and Wholesalers

Non-Retail Enforcement is responsible for the enforcement of state liquor laws and regulations that impact 3,915 non-retail licensees, including in-state and out-of-state entities that produce, import, and distribute alcohol in Washington State. The state is a major wine producer with more than 640 licensed wineries.

Tobacco Tax Enforcement

Liquor and tobacco agents enforce state tax laws and applicable federal statutes related to cigarettes and other tobacco products to promote voluntary compliance and increase excise tax collections. Liquor and tobacco agents work to ensure that excise taxes are collected because revenue is lost to the state each year due to tax evasion on cigarette and tobacco products.