



# **DIVISION I FINANCE**

# **HEARING**

**AGENCY OVERVIEW & BUDGET**  
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# OPLC Agency Overview & Core Functions

- Oversee the administration of over fifty (50) occupational licensing boards, councils, and commissions within the State of New Hampshire.
  - Seven (7) boards are advisory boards, as opposed to independent regulatory boards.
- Staff largely assist the boards, councils, and commissions with two major functions: (1) licensing individuals who wish to practice in New Hampshire; and (2) ensuring compliance with laws through investigations or inspections.
  - Over 200,000 occupational licenses in New Hampshire are active under OPLC or its boards.
  - OPLC averages 100 complaints per month.
  - OPLC conducts over 2000 inspections annually.



# Our Structure & Purpose

**OPLC provides administrative, clerical, business processing and recordkeeping support to these Boards, Councils, and Commissions to assist in carrying out all statutory objectives in an efficient manner.**

Enforcement	Licensing and Board Administration	Operations	General Counsel	Hearings Bureau
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigations</li><li>• Prosecutions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Administration</li><li>• Licensing</li><li>• Compliance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Resources</li><li>• IT</li><li>• Contracts</li><li>• Project Management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency Counsel</li><li>• Board Counsel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative Law Judges</li><li>• Hearings Clerk</li></ul>



## OPLC- Source of Funds

- OPLC’s dedicated fund, established with the passage of HB409 (2023), allows the agency to operate more efficiently and effectively among all Boards, Councils, and Commissions
- OPLC has proposed increasing licensing fees by 10% across every license type
- OPLC’s expected revenue for the biennium with the fee increase is \$27,166,172
- OPLC’s expected expenses for the biennium proposed in the Governor’s Budget proposal is \$28,750,202
- OPLC will continue to use current rollover money to cover the shortfall in revenue
  - OPLC is currently operating at loss, the rollover of \$4,598,405 is being used to cover current expenses
  - Remaining balance of rollover is at \$3,466,690, at the end of January
  - OPLC is at a net loss of \$1,131,715 for FY25



## OPLC- Position Changes

- OPLC will be transferring 5 Mechanical and 4 Electrical Inspectors positions to Safety
  - Reduction of personnel and benefit costs of \$2,283,701
  - Inspector positions are being transferred to DOS – FMO not as a financial decision but rather these positions are a critical function of Safety underneath RSA 153:4-a(I)
- Cosmetology changes in HB2 represent an option to reduce costs associated with licensing while promoting still maintaining a high standard for health and safety standards for the public





# OPLC- Lease Costs

- OPLC pays the following for its lease:
  - FY2026      \$731,437.07
  - FY2027      \$738,110.30
  - FY2028      \$745,087.90
  - FY2029      \$752,090.97
  - FY2030      \$759,373.12
  - FY2031      \$63,331.84
  
- FY2022-FY20231 total cost of lease \$6,601,842.46

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