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## Division Of Occupational and Professional Licenses

### Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals

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## Justification for Proposed Fee Increases – Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Board

The Idaho Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Board is currently undergoing the rulemaking process, which includes a proposed increase in application and licensing fees.

The Board currently maintains a substantial negative cash balance. As of the end of Fiscal Year 2025, the Board's fund finished with a negative balance of \$388,986.89. This financial position must be addressed to ensure the Board's continued ability to carry out its regulatory responsibilities.

Pursuant to [Idaho Code 67-2608](#), the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) is legally required to maintain board cash balances between 30% and 150% of a five-year rolling average of expenditures. If a board's year-end cash balance falls below this 30% threshold, DOPL must present a plan to the Idaho Legislature to rectify the low fund balance. The current fund status is well below the required minimum, and action is necessary.

To ensure fairness and transparency, the Board conducted a comparative analysis of application and licensing fees in surrounding states. Idaho's fees are significantly lower than those in neighboring states, some of which charge up to four times more than Idaho. Even with the proposed increases, Idaho's fees will remain competitive and among the lowest in the region.

The Board continues to evaluate expenditures and explore cost-saving measures. However, reducing costs alone will not be sufficient to resolve the Board's financial shortfall. Increasing fees is necessary to make the Board financially solvent and fulfill our statutory obligations.

With the proposed fee adjustments, projections show the Board will begin to trend toward financial recovery starting in Fiscal Year 2028.

We value your input. Licensees and members of the public are encouraged to participate in the rulemaking process by attending the upcoming public hearing scheduled for August 11, 2025 or by submitting written comments. Comments may be sent to DOPL Lead Counsel Kolby Reddish at [kolby.reddish@dopl.idaho.gov](mailto:kolby.reddish@dopl.idaho.gov).

Your engagement is appreciated as we work toward a more sustainable future for the profession and for Idahoans.

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FY	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Change in Revenue	Change in Personnel	Inflation Estimate	Select Model	Licensing Trend		
Revolving Revenue	\$ 106,303.00	\$ 135,947.00	\$ 121,498.68	\$ 125,447.81	\$ 360,339.04	\$ 363,683.39	\$ 362,957.62	191%	3%	3%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Growth Plateau		
Other Revenue	\$ 790.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 407.50	\$ 216.25	\$ 311.88	\$ 264.06	\$ 287.97					<input type="checkbox"/>	Steady Decline	
One-Time Revenue	\$ 78,730.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					<input type="checkbox"/>	Aggressive Growth	
Total Revenue	\$ 185,823.00	\$ 135,972.00	\$ 121,906.18	\$ 125,664.06	\$ 360,650.92	\$ 363,947.45	\$ 363,245.59	NET INCOME/LOSS						
Personnel Expenditures	\$ (218,188.27)	\$ (204,354.26)	\$ (210,484.89)	\$ (221,009.13)	\$ (227,639.41)	\$ (234,468.59)	\$ (241,502.65)	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Operating Expenditures	\$ (184,889.06)	\$ (60,058.64)	\$ (126,148.07)	\$ (95,896.45)	\$ (114,352.93)	\$ (108,278.43)	\$ (114,655.15)					\$ 13K	\$ 15K	
Total Revolving Expenditures	\$ (403,077.33)	\$ (264,412.90)	\$ (336,632.95)	\$ (316,905.59)	\$ (341,992.33)	\$ (342,747.02)	\$ (356,157.80)							
One-Time Expenditures	\$ 102,285.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
OASIS 1-Time & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (31,263.41)	\$ (5,834.55)	\$ (5,834.55)	\$ (5,834.55)	\$ (5,834.55)							
Total Expenditures	\$ (300,792.20)	\$ (264,412.90)	\$ (367,896.36)	\$ (322,740.14)	\$ (347,826.88)	\$ (348,581.57)	\$ (361,992.35)							
Net Income/Loss	\$ (114,969.20)	\$ (128,440.90)	\$ (245,990.18)	\$ (197,076.08)	\$ 12,824.04	\$ 15,365.88	\$ 1,253.25							
Ending Cash Balance	\$ (135,572.86)	\$ (264,013.76)	\$ (510,003.94)	\$ (707,080.02)	\$ (694,255.98)	\$ (678,890.10)	\$ (677,636.85)							
Cash Balance %		-92%	-162%	-208%	-216%	-206%	-194%							

### Cash Balance Projection

