

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2JV - Operations

Funding Sources: MHR - Home Inspector Registration Board - Cash

The Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board was created by Act 1328 of 2003. Act 1328 repealed Subchapters 1 and 2 of Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 52 and added an additional subchapter. Subchapter 3 cited as "The Arkansas Home Inspectors Registration Act" created the Arkansas Home Inspector Registration Board. The Board became a state agency effective July 1, 2004, having met fund balance requirements.

The purpose of the Board is to protect the public from those persons who are untrained and unqualified to conduct home inspections, to license those individuals who meet the qualifications of licensure under the Act, and to hear and resolve such disciplinary matters as may come before the Board. The Board is funded by license fees.

The Board requests an increase for the Various Operating Expense line item of \$34,600 for FY12 and for FY13. This includes an increase of \$2,000 for board member mileage, \$5,000 for investigation of complaints and \$4,000 for court and court reporter fees for each year of the biennium. An increase of \$3,600 is requested for each year of the biennium for the Board's administrative support contractor if the board determines that additional duties are required, especially to administer and monitor a public awareness program. The Board requests \$20,000 to implement a public awareness program to promote the benefits of using a licensed home inspector, and to acquaint the public with the pitfalls of not having a sanctioned home inspection prior to purchase. This is a trial basis, primarily the development and broadcast of TV and radio spots.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level appropriation. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

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Commitment Item		2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Various Operation Expenses	5900046	44,896	46,090	46,090	80,690	46,090	46,090	80,690	46,090	46,090
Total		44,896	46,090	46,090	80,690	46,090	46,090	80,690	46,090	46,090
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	269,081	293,030		313,940	313,940	313,940	300,250	334,850	334,850
Cash Fund	4000045	68,845	67,000		67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000
Total Funding		337,926	360,030		380,940	380,940	380,940	367,250	401,850	401,850
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(293,030)	(313,940)		(300,250)	(334,850)	(334,850)	(286,560)	(355,760)	(355,760)
Grand Total		44,896	46,090		80,690	46,090	46,090	80,690	46,090	46,090