

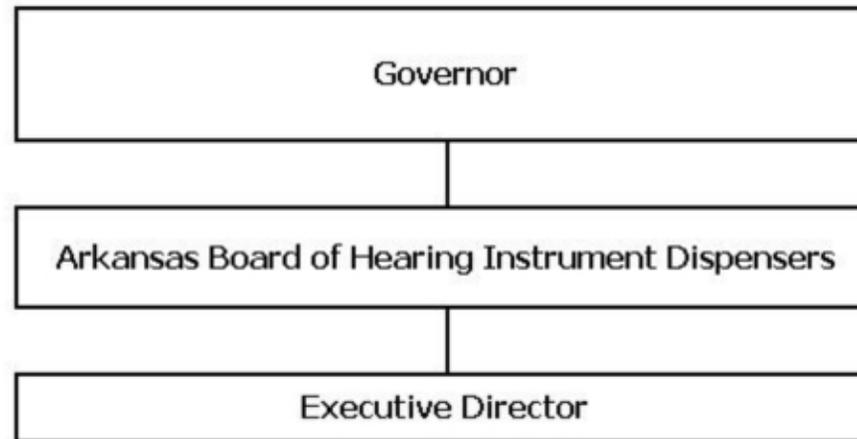
# AR BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS

## Enabling Laws

Act 126 of 2012  
A.C.A. §17-84-101

## History and Organization

The Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, authorized by A.C.A. §17-84-101 et seq., is responsible for the examination and licensure of persons engaging in the sale of hearing instruments. The Board is comprised of eight members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Board is a cash agency funded from fees used for operating expenses and an extra help position.



## Agency Commentary

The Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers is requesting to continue its operating appropriation at Base Level for the 2011-2013 Biennium with an additional request for \$3,990 in Operating Expense appropriation to cover increases in mileage for board members, cash fund service charge, and additional expenses from amending and mailing the rules and regulations of the Board. Funding is provided from license renewals and fees collected by the board.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

### State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

### Cash Fund Balance Description as of June 30, 2012

Fund Account	Balance	Type	Location
3160000	\$45,687	Checking	Bank of Little Rock

#### Statutory/Other Restrictions on use:

A.C.A. §17-84-204 Fees are to be used to pay administrative expenses. Any remaining balances at year end are to be carried forward.

#### Statutory Provisions for Fees, Fines, Penalties:

A.C.A. §17-84-203 Fees, Fines & Penalties as established in law.

#### Revenue Receipts Cycle:

Fees and penalties are collected throughout the year, with the bulk of the fees collected between 7/1 and 6/30

#### Fund Balance Utilization:

Fund balance each year is carried over as the base of the following year's operating budget.

## Publications

### A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Rules & Regulations	A.C.A. §17-84-203	N	N	1	Required to distribute to licensees when changes occur.

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012						FY2012 - 2013					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
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## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** A89 - Cash Operations

**Funding Sources:** 316 - Hearing Instrument Dispensers-Cash

The Arkansas Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers was created by Act 197 of 1969 to insure the public is protected when purchasing any instrument or device designed for aiding, improving, or correcting human hearing. Act 592 of 1999 amended Arkansas Code §17-84-101 and changed the name to Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers. Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-84-203, funding is derived from examination fees, license fees, and renewal fees charged to persons who practice the fitting or selling of hearing instruments. The Board utilizes these funds to finance one (1) Extra Help position and provide operating expenses for the administration of the laws governing hearing instrument dispensers.

Base Level appropriation is \$23,596 each year of the biennium.

The Agency is requesting additional appropriation of \$3,990 in Operating Expenses each year of the biennium due to increased cost of mileage for board members, payment of the cash fund service charge, and additional expenses incurred from amending and mailing the rules and regulations of the Board.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## Appropriation Summary

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### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help	5010001	10,515	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	809	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071
Operating Expenses	5020002	8,953	12,165	8,175	8,175	12,165	12,165	8,175	12,165	12,165
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,277</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>27,586</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	28,440	45,687		46,101	46,101	46,101	50,505	46,515	46,515
Cash Fund	4000045	37,524	28,000		28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>65,964</b>	<b>73,687</b>		<b>74,101</b>	<b>74,101</b>	<b>74,101</b>	<b>78,505</b>	<b>74,515</b>	<b>74,515</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(45,687)	(46,101)		(50,505)	(46,515)	(46,515)	(54,909)	(46,929)	(46,929)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>20,277</b>	<b>27,586</b>		<b>23,596</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>27,586</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

## Change Level by Appropriation

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### Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	3,990	0	27,586	116.9	3,990	0	27,586	116.9

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	3,990	0	27,586	116.9	3,990	0	27,586	116.9

### Justification

C01	\$3,990 in Operating Expense appropriation requested to cover increases in mileage for board members, cash fund service charge, and additional expenses from amending and mailing the rules and regulations of the Board.
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