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## FISCAL TOPICS

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## Board of Nursing Budget

The Board of Nurse Examiners was created in 1907 and later renamed the [Board of Nursing](#) (BON). The Board is composed of seven members — two registered nurses (RN), two registered nurses representing nurse education, one licensed practical nurse (LPN), and two public members. Board members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms, with confirmation by the Senate. The Board has the authority and responsibility to administer and enforce the laws relating to the licensure of nurses, the practice of nurses, nursing education, and continuing education. The Board issues licenses to RNs, LPNs, and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP). The Board also enforces the law and administrative rules applicable to the practice of nursing, including through the use of disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary action. The Board is funded exclusively by licensure fees.

### Fees and Administrative Costs

Iowa Code section [147.80](#) allows various State boards of health-related professions to establish, by administrative rule, fees based on the costs of sustaining the boards and the actual costs of regulatory activities. The boards are annually required to prepare estimated projections of revenues and expenses, then adjust their schedule of fees to cover projected expenses if necessary.

Iowa Code section [147.82](#) allows the boards and the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Professional Licensure, to retain the fees collected as repayment receipts under Iowa Code section [8.2](#). Prior to FY 2006, the annual fees collected were allocated to the boards through authorization language included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. In addition, a portion of the fees were deposited in the General Fund. This practice was phased out and the boards now retain all promulgated fees. Fines imposed by the boards are deposited in the General Fund.

For the BON, license and renewal fees cover a three-year period during which licensees may practice. The Annual Report for the BON states that the last fee increase was in FY 2004. Utilizing data as reported to the Legislative Services Agency in the biennial [Fee Project](#), the most common fees (excluding the \$50 criminal background check fee) charged by the BON are:

- Application for Examination, \$93 (renewal \$99).
- Application for Endorsement into Iowa, \$119 (renewal \$99).
- Application for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, \$81 (renewal \$81).
- License Reactivation, \$175.

### Budget Reports

Carryforward funds are important to entities that do not receive a General Fund appropriation to cover expenses at the start of a fiscal year before revenue is received. In particular, these funds are necessary if that entity has a licensure period in which all licensees renew in the same time frame. Carryforward funds are also required for covering costs of larger ongoing projects, such as information technology updates, that take time to implement. The amount of carryforward balance as a percentage of total annual expenses will vary from board to board.

The following table presents the budget report for the BON adjusted for the balance carryforward

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### More Information

Board of Nursing Annual Reports:

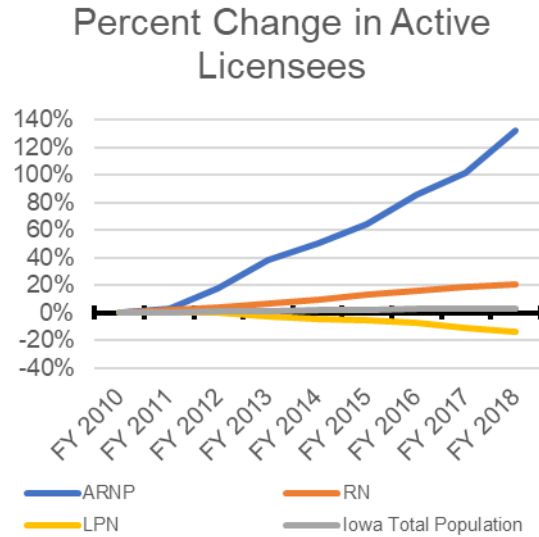
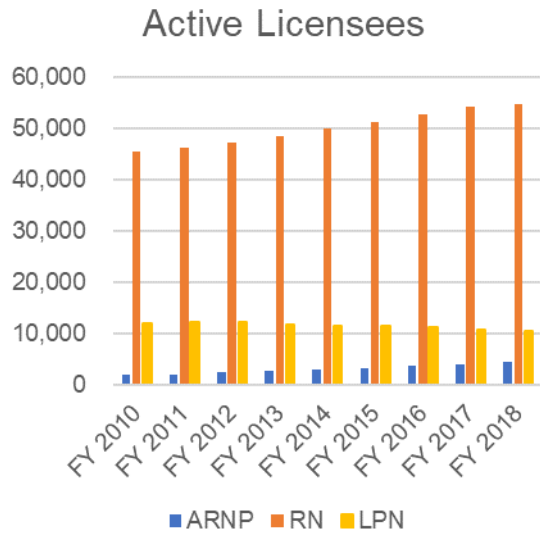
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transactions to differentiate ongoing fee revenue from the carryforward balance. Staffing level data and information on active licensees is also included.

### Board of Nursing Budget Report

	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>Estimated FY 2020</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,756,415	\$ 1,832,086	\$ 1,370,049	\$ 1,097,671	\$ 960,390
Receipts from Other Entities	\$ 0	\$ 2,176	\$ 377	\$ 12,334	\$ 1,000
Fees, Licenses & Permits	2,618,099	2,565,291	2,599,126	2,636,272	2,739,610
Refunds & Reimbursements	370	130	110	80	2,000
Miscellaneous	344,685	336,398	306,850	311,617	297,000
Annual Revenues	\$ 2,963,154	\$ 2,903,995	\$ 2,906,463	\$ 2,960,303	\$ 3,039,610
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>\$ 4,719,569</b>	<b>\$ 4,736,081</b>	<b>\$ 4,276,512</b>	<b>\$ 4,057,974</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>
Personal Services	\$ 2,015,819	\$ 2,193,988	\$ 2,151,498	\$ 2,267,427	\$ 2,451,985
Travel & Subsistence	50,329	51,649	51,630	52,426	80,000
Supplies & Materials	64,047	69,961	55,297	57,962	80,000
Contractual Services and Transfers	684,617	904,884	835,577	609,201	1,005,000
Equipment & Repairs	35,985	107,405	43,979	68,429	130,000
Claims & Miscellaneous	36,336	37,815	38,556	41,795	203,015
Licenses, Permits, Refunds & Other	350	330	2,302	345	50,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,887,483	\$ 3,366,032	\$ 3,178,840	\$ 3,097,585	\$ 4,000,000
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,832,086</b>	<b>\$ 1,370,049</b>	<b>\$ 1,097,671</b>	<b>\$ 960,390</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
Ending Balance as Percent of Expenditures	63.4%	40.7%	34.5%	31.0%	0.0%
Total Full-Time Equivalent Positions	21.7	22.6	21.8	22.5	23.9



Source: Board of Nursing Annual Reports.

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