

## Consumer and Business Services

### DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	159,427,807	166,696,503	172,737,806	182,922,758
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	262,652,088	305,738,487	333,719,213	456,191,147
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$422,079,895</b>	<b>\$472,434,990</b>	<b>\$506,457,019</b>	<b>\$639,113,905</b>
Positions	1,154	1,112	1,110	1,085
Full-time Equivalent	1,131.09	1,102.51	1,098.95	1,077.17

### Overview

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) administers programs that protect consumers and workers. This is done while promoting a positive business climate in the state.

DCBS has nine major programs:

- The Workers' Compensation Board hears and settles cases relating to workers' compensation claims and workplace safety.
- The Workers' Compensation Division supervises and enforces workers' compensation insurance laws. The Division funds programs that help injured workers and employers. It also funds the administrative costs of the Management-Labor Advisory Committee. This Committee considers various aspects of the workers' compensation system and reports findings to the Director and the Legislature.
- The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division helps make sure that the workplace is safe. It also provides free consultations to employers.
- The Insurance Division helps make sure that insurance companies are financially sound. It also works to see that insurance policyholders and claimants are treated fairly.
- The Finance and Corporate Securities Division assures financial institutions are safe and sound while promoting a favorable business climate for financial services. It also helps make sure that financial deals are fully disclosed.
- Central Support Services guides the agency. It has four sections: the Director's Office, the Information Management Division, the Business Administration Division, and the offices of the Ombudsman for Injured Workers and Small Business Ombudsman.

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- The Building Codes Division regulates building construction. It provides code development, administration, inspection, plan review, licensing, and permit services to the industry.
- The Oregon Medical Insurance Pool increases Oregonians' access to health care coverage. It provides coverage to those who are unable to obtain it on their own. This could be due to poor health conditions or job loss or change.
- The Office of Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Business helps disadvantaged, women and minority-owned firms, and emerging small businesses. It helps make sure that all businesses have equal access to contracts.

DCBS administers two Nonlimited Special Payments accounts and five workers' compensation reserve programs within the Workers' Benefit Fund.

### Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget for DCBS is \$639,113,905 total funds. This is 26 percent higher than the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. Limited expenditures have increased by nearly six percent. Nonlimited expenditures have increased by nearly 37 percent due to increased referrals, enrollment, and claims in the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool. The budget maintains the current level of operations, except in the Building Codes Division. That Division reduces 21 positions due to revenue shortfall projections.

### Revenue

DCBS has numerous sources of Other Fund revenues including workers' compensation "cents-per-hour" assessments and contributions (3.6 cents-per-hour effective January 2001); workers' compensation premium assessments (8.0 percent of earned premiums for insurers and self-insured employers, and 8.2 percent for self-insured employer groups); premium payments and health insurer assessments for the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool; insurer assessments for the Insurance Division; license fees and other charges for services; interest earnings from investment sales; and fines and penalties.

The Department will include fee increases requiring legislative approval in the agency's legislative fee bill. Increases will be requested for the following DCBS programs: Insurance Division, Pawnbroker Program, Electrical Program, Elevator Program, Boiler Program, Plumbing Program, and Structural Mechanical Program.

In addition to its Other Fund revenues, the Department also receives Federal Funds that it spends as Other Funds. Federal Funds are received for: administration of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, collection of statistics for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, regulation of the production of manufactured housing, and administration of the Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program.