

**Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate**

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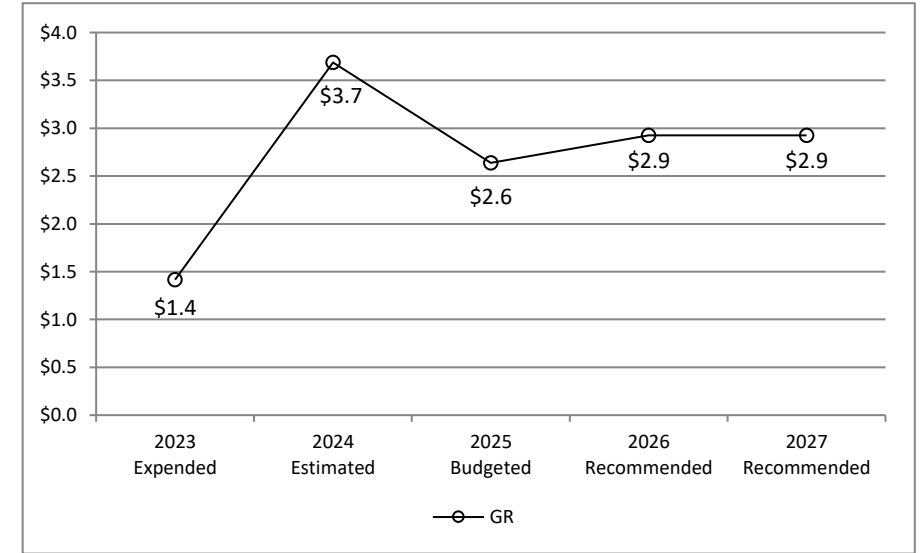
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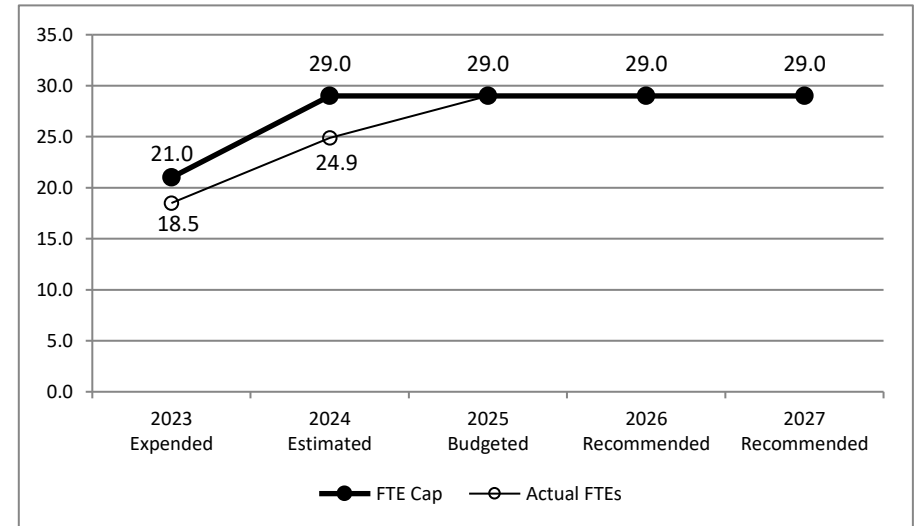
Method of Financing	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$6,324,973	\$5,849,652	(\$475,321)	(7.5%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$6,324,973</i>	<i>\$5,849,652</i>	<i>(\$475,321)</i>	<i>(7.5%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$16,959	\$11,054	(\$5,905)	(34.8%)
All Funds	\$6,341,932	\$5,860,706	(\$481,226)	(7.6%)

	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2027 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	29.0	29.0	0.0	0.0%

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2026-27 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2026-27 biennium.

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Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate**

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2026-27 Biennium compared to the 2024-25 Base Spending Level		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<i>OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):</i>							
A)	Decrease for one-time funding for the development of a licensing database.	(\$564,830)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$564,830)	A.1.1
B)	Increase in funding to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations.	\$89,509	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,509	A.1.1, A.2.1, B.1.1.
C)	Decrease of Appropriated Receipts due to revenue generated in excess of the 2024-25 appropriated level that is not anticipated to occur in the 2026-27 biennium.	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$5,905)	(\$5,905)	A.1.1
TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations		(\$475,321)	\$0	\$0	(\$5,905)	(\$481,226)	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases</i>		\$89,509	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$89,509	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases</i>		(\$564,830)	\$0	\$0	(\$5,905)	(\$570,735)	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate**

- Administrative Attachment to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).** Pursuant to Senate Bill 1414, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (BVME) was temporarily administratively attached to TDLR until the end of fiscal year 2027. In this attachment, TDLR would assist BVME with contested cases, rulemaking, and other administrative duties while several TDLR staff would be stationed in areas like licensing and enforcement to review their operations and provide recommendations. Additionally, TDLR has provided statutory recommendations to the Legislature and will conduct a full rule review by December 31, 2025.

In a review by the State Auditor’s Office (SAO) conducted in August 2024, BVME was reviewed on their implementation of the recommendations set by the Sunset Commission. Of the nine Sunset Recommendations, four were fully implemented, four were ongoing, and one was substantially implemented (see table). Not included in recommendations is an agency request for \$500,000 in General Revenue to expand their licensing database to include enforcement, inspection, and legal capabilities. Improvements to these areas would impact Sunset Recommendations #1, #2 and #3.

	Summary of Sunset Recommendation	SAO Determination of Status
1	Clearly define and consistently implement its enforcement procedures. Develop and publish policies governing a complainant’s access to information.	On-going
2	Improve its enforcement data tracking systems and processes.	On-going
3	Collect and track relevant data to establish a risk-based approach to onsite inspections.	On-going
4	Develop a robust educational process to regularly educate licensees about controlled substances laws, rules, and inspection standards.	Fully Implemented
5	Improve tracking of non-jurisdictional complaints.	Substantially Implemented
6	Ensure that the website accurately reflects the disciplinary status of each licensee, as well as making all Board-approved disciplinary orders available and easily found on the website.	On-going
7	Work with both TDLR and DIR to determine its database needs, and to acquire and implement a suitable database.	Fully Implemented
8	Shadow TDLR staff to be trained in licensing, inspection, and enforcement policies and procedures.	Fully Implemented
9	Due to the administrative attachment to TDLR recommended by Sunset and enacted by the Legislature, the TDLR’s Commission on Licensing and Regulation must approve disciplinary actions and certain rule changes proposed by the Board.	Fully Implemented

**Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Rider Highlights - Senate**

Deleted Riders

- Former 3. **Contingency for Behavioral Health Funds.** Recommendations include the deletion of the rider as all provisions are currently covered in Article IX, Section 10.04, Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.

- Former 4. **Contingency on Senate Bill 1414/House Bill 1560.** Recommendations include the deletion of the rider as Senate Bill 1414, Eighty-Eighth Legislature, 2023 was enacted and the agency was continued.

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate**

		2026-27 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2028-29
		GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			
Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)							
1)	General Revenue to expand the licensing database to include enforcement, inspection, and legal capabilities.	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.0	Yes	No	\$100,000
2)	General Revenue to adjust agency staff salaries so that all staff are at the midpoint of their classification salary range.	\$238,000	\$238,000	0.0	No	No	\$238,000
3)	General Revenue and authority to raise the Executive Director salary cap from \$120,740 to \$129,765.	\$18,050	\$18,050	0.0	No	No	\$18,050
TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$756,050	\$756,050	0.0			\$356,050

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Appendices - Senate**

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

**Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS**

Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
OPERATE LICENSURE SYSTEM A.1.1	\$1,597,615	\$1,104,016	(\$493,599)	(30.9%)	Recommendations include the following: - Decrease of \$564,830 in General Revenue related to the removal of one-time funding for the development of a licensing database. - Increase of \$71,231 in General Revenue to realign expenditures associated with the statewide salary adjustment to their correct strategy. - Decrease of \$5,905 in Appropriated Receipts related to the removal of receipts generated in excess of the appropriated level that are not anticipated to occur in the 2026-27 biennium.
TEXAS.GOV A.1.2	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	0.0%	
COMPLAINTS AND ACTION A.2.1	\$4,192,747	\$4,236,560	\$43,813	1.0%	Recommendations include an increase of \$43,813 in General Revenue to realign expenditures associated with the statewide salary adjustment to their correct strategy.
PEER ASSISTANCE A.2.2	\$171,000	\$171,000	\$0	0.0%	
Total, Goal A, VETERINARY REGULATION	\$6,041,362	\$5,591,576	(\$449,786)	(7.4%)	
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION B.1.1	\$300,570	\$269,130	(\$31,440)	(10.5%)	Recommendations include a decrease of \$31,440 in General Revenue to realign expenditures associated with the statewide salary adjustment to their correct strategy.
Total, Goal B, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$300,570	\$269,130	(\$31,440)	(10.5%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$6,341,932	\$5,860,706	(\$481,226)	(7.6%)	

**Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
FTE Highlights - Senate**

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2023	Estimated 2024	Budgeted 2025	Recommended 2026	Recommended 2027
Cap	21.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
Actual/Budgeted	18.5	24.9	29.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Executive Director, Group 2	\$113,413	\$117,077	\$120,740	\$120,740	\$120,740

Note:
 a) The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report 25-702, October 2024), indicates a market average salary of \$128,024 for the Executive Director position at the Board at Veterinary Medical Examiners. The agency is requesting \$18,050 in General Revenue and authority to raise their Executive Director salary to \$129,765.