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**Statutory Authority:**

W.S. 33-12-119 through 33-12-140

**Wyoming Quality of Life Result**

Wyoming has a diverse population that values the quality of life that the state has to offer. Stable employment, education, health and safety for Wyoming residents are a very important part of that quality of life. Post secondary education, small business as well as corporate business with good guidelines to follow help ensure and sustain the quality of life Wyoming residents have come accustomed to.

**Contribution to Wyoming Quality of Life**

Cosmetology offers stable employment for thousands of Wyoming residents which in turn helps strengthen the overall economy of the state. Cosmetology schools in our state offer post secondary education to approximately 300 students per year, training them for a profitable and rewarding career. Cosmetology offers the consumers of the state an outlet for self-improvement through education, beautification, and contact with trained professionals able to assist in many areas such as domestic abuse and child neglect. The Board of Cosmetology sets standards for the Cosmetology industry to ensure the health safety and welfare of the Wyoming citizens. The Board of Cosmetology continues to monitor the economic growth or decline in the state and works to find ways to offer employment in areas needed and continues to assist applicants from other states in finding a smooth transition to a positive experience in Wyoming.

**Basic Facts**

**Staff:**

Three full-time, one part-time

**Budget:**

Administration	\$488,435
No General Funds	
FY 2017	
Revenue:	\$484,909
Expenditure:	\$458,168

**Clients Served:**

The Board of Cosmetology serves approximately 7000 licensees, including cosmetologists, hairstylist, nail technicians, estheticians, instructors, independent contractors, salons and schools.

**Number of Members:**

Five, Governor appointed Board Members serving 3 year terms. At least one member must be a licensed cosmetology instructor.

**Agency to which group reports:**

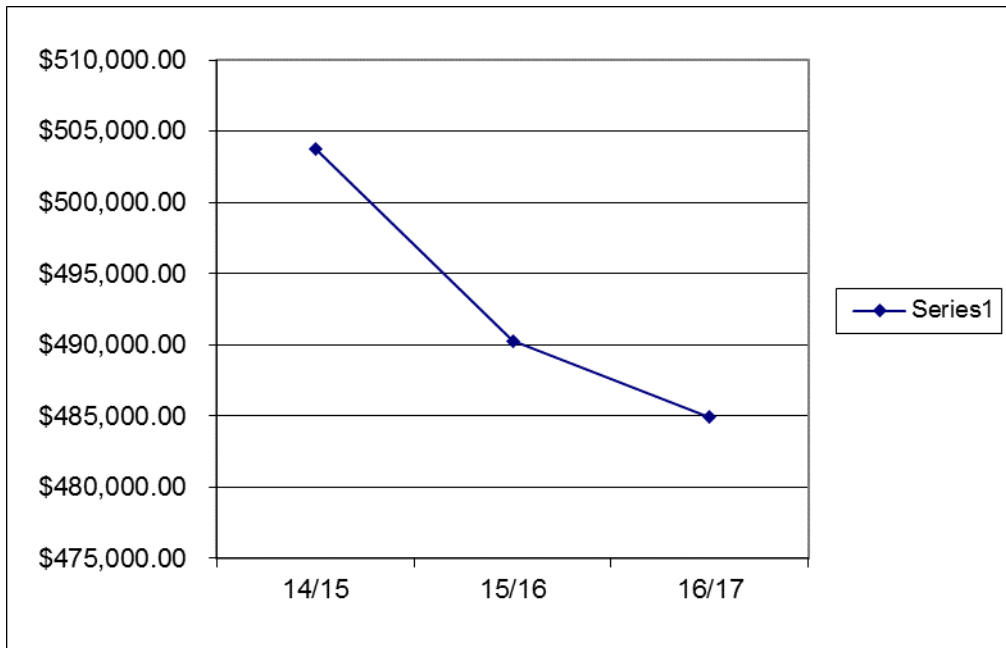
Department of Administration and Information

**Meeting Frequency**

Four meetings per year are required by law; normally a minimum of six meetings are held each year.

**Performance**

Wyoming has slowed in growth throughout the state and we continue see a direct correlation to the decrease in licensees applying from other states. The trend for the Cosmetology Industry is to grow during economic down times but this past year has not been the case. We have also seen a decline in new licensees from other states. The Board continues to take their duties to ensure consumer safety very seriously. The Board will continue to perform its duties in strict compliance with state laws and with the highest integrity. The Board will perform its duties efficiently and consistently to the general public and licensees, while remaining flexible to adjust to the ever changing needs of the cosmetology industry.



Decrease over two (2) years is just over \$18,000.00

The decrease in revenue during FY17 is due to the current down turn in the economic status of the State of Wyoming. The down turn has also caused a decline in cosmetology schools from 11 to 9 cosmetology schools in the state. This has also decreased the number of student attending school through this period of time. The decline is directly related to the north eastern and south western parts of Wyoming and the reductions in mineral revenues which has forced an exit of workforce from the state.

The complaint process does not seem to change with approximately 1700 inspections to be done annually. Complaints and violations directly tied to the inspection are common but also consumer complaints increase with consumer awareness. Education for the public is a very important part of complaint process, with better education of the public, more complaints are filed with the board.

**Agency Organization:**

Governor  
Governor appointed 5 Board Members  
Board Employees Executive Director  
Executive Director oversees  
Administrative Assistant  
2 Inspectors