

Environmental Hearing Board

Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Presentation

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I. SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Available	2021-22 Budgeted
State Funds	\$2,574	\$2,554	\$2,593
Total	\$2,574	\$2,554	\$2,593

II. DETAIL BY MAJOR OBJECT

	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Available	2021-22 Budgeted	Budgeted vs. Available	Percent Change
PERSONNEL					
State Funds					
EHB (10393)	\$1,879	\$1,992	\$2,027	\$35	1.76%
Total Personnel	\$1,879	\$1,992	\$2,027	\$35	1.76%
OPERATING					
State Funds					
EHB (10393)	\$470	\$562	\$566	\$4	0.71%
Total Operating	\$470	\$562	\$566	\$4	0.71%
BUDGETARY RESERVE					
State Funds					
EHB (10393)	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Budgetary Reserve	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL FUNDS					
State Funds	\$2,574	\$2,554	\$2,593	\$39	1.53%
Total Funds	\$2,574	\$2,554	\$2,593	\$39	1.53%

III. HISTORY OF LAPSES

(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

	2018-19	2019-20	Estimated 2020-21
State Funds	\$264	\$0	\$0

IV. COMPLEMENT INFORMATION

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	2021-22 Budgeted
Benefit Factor	58.32%	59.23%	60.90%
State Funded			
- Authorized	12	12	12
- Filled	11	9	n/a

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**V. DERIVATION OF REQUEST/
LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Derivation of Request

(A) Personnel

All personnel costs were prepared on the complement planning layouts in the BPC system using instructions and factors provided by the Office of the Budget.

(B) Operating Expenses

Operating Funds will be used for continuing activities.

Legislative Citations: Established by the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. §§ 7511-7516

Additional Information

(1) 2019-20 Obligations rolled forward to 2020-21
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

Total \$0

(2) 2020-21 Supplemental appropriation needs
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

\$0

Date current appropriation will be exhausted:

N/A

(3) Prior FY appropriations waived pursuant to Act 146 of 1980, used to support the 2020-21 appropriation.
(\$ Amounts in Thousands)

State Funds

1039300000 (BP2019)

Total \$331
 \$331

Waiver is currently held in budgetary reserve and will be released for personnel and unanticipated opportunities.

VI. EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

	State \$	Federal \$	Other \$	Total \$
PERSONNEL				
A. Increase/(Decrease) to continue current program	<u>\$35</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35</u>
Subtotal Personnel	\$35	\$0	\$0	\$35
OPERATING				
A. Increase/(Decrease) to continue current program	<u>\$4</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4</u>
Subtotal Operating	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$4
TOTAL	<u>\$39</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$39</u>

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PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Environmental Hearing Board functions as the statutorily established trial court of state-wide jurisdiction which hears certain environmental cases. It hears appeals from actions of the Department of Environmental Protection and under appropriate circumstances, the Board can issue orders superseding actions of the Department. The Board holds non-jury trials and issues Adjudications. Trials before the Board are very similar to non-jury civil trials before Common Pleas Courts, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania or Federal District Courts. The Board also issues legal opinions and orders on pre-trial dispositive motions such as motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment as well as on non-dispositive motions such as discovery motions and motions in limine. Appeals from the Board are taken to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

The Board's decisions and operations are key in ensuring that economic activity in the Commonwealth is completed in a manner that is protective of the environment. The Board protects the due process rights of all who appear in front of it including ordinary citizens, corporations of all types and sizes, and various groups and municipalities.

The five judges of the Board are appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Pennsylvania Senate. The judges of the Board are Chairman and Chief Judge Thomas W. Renwand, Judge Michelle A. Coleman, Judge Bernard A. Labuskes, Jr., and Judge Steven C. Beckman. The Secretary to the Board is Christine Walker.