

Office of Administrative Hearings

RCW 34.12

Request	\$39,209,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$2,363,351	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	6.4%	Increase

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) resolves administrative disputes between members of the public and most state agencies. Issues that come before OAH include requests for unemployment insurance or public assistance benefits, child and vulnerable adult abuse concerns, child support liability, business and professional licensing (ranging from electrical contractors to nursing homes and daycare facilities), special education, whistleblower cases for local governments, and other disputes in which due process of law requires a hearing. The participants present evidence and testimony at the hearing. An administrative law judge issues a written order containing findings of fact and conclusions of law on all contested issues. The agency's services are funded by payments made by the affected client agency.

Agency Mission

We independently resolve administrative disputes through accessible, fair, prompt processes and issue sound decisions.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
38,426,000	1,675,081	Administrative Hearings Revolving - State	34,644,702	36,750,919	39,159,000
		Non-Appropriated Funds			
		Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated	22,344	44,730	
		Local Gov Administrative Hearings - Non-Appropriated	117,566	50,000	50,000
		Total Non-Appropriated Funds	139,910	94,730	50,000

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	(1,013,414)	(2.8)%	2,061,037	5.9%	2,363,351	6.4%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	169.7	154.5	169.7	162.8	160.7