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**To:** Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

**From:** Anne L. Head, Commissioner, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

**Date:** March 4, 2021

**Re:** LD221- Biennial Budget request for fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023

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Thank you again for the opportunity to speak in support of the Governor's biennial budget request for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. I am providing the following in response to questions and concerns raised during the March 2nd public hearing.

Senator Sanborn raised concerns about delays in processing license applications for mental health programs within our Office of Professional and Occupation Regulation.

Representative Tepler inquired about salary equity among affiliated board executive director positions and asked for a comparative analysis to be provided for the work session. Four of the six affiliated boards have Executive Directions positions, Board of Licensure in Medicine, Maine State Board of Nursing, Board of Dental Practice and Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers.

The Executive Director for Board of Licensure in Medicine was established by statute in 32 MRSA §3269 with salary set in 2 MRSA §6-C. The remaining three Executive Director positions were established by session law. Below is a table detailing the Bureau of Human Resources administrative unit, salary specification, salary grade and salary ranges as of January 3, 2021 for each position.

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Board	BHR Admin Unit	Salary Specification	Salary Grade	Salary Range	
Medicine	O - Salary Set by Statute	47 - Confidential	89	83,553.60	119,038.40
Nursing*	X - Confidential	47 - Confidential	38	88,150.40	120,099.20
Dental	X - Confidential	47 - Confidential	31	64,500.80	87,859.20
Engineers	X - Confidential	47 - Confidential	31	64,500.80	87,859.20

\*salary detail is for BHR approved reclassification for which funding is requested in the FY22/23 biennial budget request

Representative Arata requested detail for fees that the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection is proposing to increase to support the reorganization initiatives included in the biennial budget request. The following table provides the current fee, proposed fee, comparison to other states if available and last change date for all fees that will potentially be impacted. This is a preliminary proposal and fee changes would be phased in through rulemaking. The intent is to set fees at a level that will cover the costs of regulating each segment.

License Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Other State Rates	Date of last fee change
Refund Antic. Lender Renew	\$150	\$200	\$350 - \$1,300	2009
Money Trans. Renew	\$250	\$400	Ave. \$890	1997
Check Casher	\$250	\$300	Ave. \$550	1997
Debt Collector	\$300	\$400	Ave. \$850	2009
Mort. Broker Renew	\$150	\$250	\$350 - \$1,300	2009
GAP Admins.	\$20	\$200	WA State \$250	Never
Mort. Lender Renewals	\$100	\$200	Ave. \$850	2010
Mort. Loan Originator	\$20	\$50	Ave. \$170	Never
Credit Reporting Agencies	\$100	\$150	Nevada \$200 - \$1,000	Never
Payroll Processors	\$200-\$800	\$300-\$900	N/A	Never
Litigation Fund. Renew	\$100	\$200	Ave. \$300	Never
Exchange Fac. Renew	\$100	\$150	Idaho \$350 - \$150	Never
Employ Leasing Co. Renew	\$100	\$200	CT: < \$1,500	Never
Debt Mgmt. Co. Renew	\$250	\$400	Ave. \$825	Never
RE Settlement Agencies	\$25	\$100	[Maine only]	Never
Property Preserv. Co's	\$300	\$400	[Maine only]	Never

I appreciate your consideration of and thoughtful inquiries related to the Governor's biennial budget request for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. I am always available to discuss further or provide additional information if needed.