

Program Proposed Budget									
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2000	PL Adjustment Fiscal 2002	Base New Proposals Fiscal 2002	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2002	PL Adjustment Fiscal 2003	Base New Proposals Fiscal 2003	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2003	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 02-03	
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating Expenses	10,539	4,461	0	15,000	4,461	0	15,000	30,000	
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$10,539</b>	<b>\$4,461</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$4,461</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	
State/Other Special	10,539	4,461	0	15,000	4,461	0	15,000	30,000	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$10,539</b>	<b>\$4,461</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$4,461</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	

**Agency Description**

The Montana Chiropractic Legal Panel reviews potential and actual malpractice claims against chiropractors, in order to confirm reasonable inference of malpractice. The panel makes fair disposition relative to claims that may be well founded. The panel consists of three chiropractors and three attorneys, who are required to review every potential or actual claim. A director appointed by the Montana Chiropractic Association manages the panel.

Biennium Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Present Law Fiscal 2002	New Proposals Fiscal 2002	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2002	Present Law Fiscal 2003	New Proposals Fiscal 2003	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 2003	Total Biennium Fiscal 00-01	Total Exec. Budget Fiscal 02-03
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Expenses	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	27,732	30,000
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$27,732</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
State/Other Special	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	27,732	30,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$27,732</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**Funding**

The Montana Chiropractic Legal Panel is funded with special state revenue funds derived from annual assessments. This amount is set annually by the director and is assessed equally to all chiropractors.

Present Law Adjustments										
FTE	-----Fiscal 2002-----				-----Fiscal 2003-----					
	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
Fixed Costs				2					4	
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>				<b>\$2</b>					<b>\$4</b>	
DP 1 - Panel Operating Costs	0.00	0	4,459	0	4,459	0.00	0	4,457	0	4,457
<b>Total Other Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,459</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,459</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,457</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,457</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>				<b>\$4,461</b>					<b>\$4,461</b>	

**Executive Present Law Adjustments**

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the primary changes to the adjusted base budget included in the executive present law. "Statewide Present Law " adjustments are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Legislative decisions on these items will be applied globally to all agencies. A description of each item is included in the "Agency Budget Analysis Roadmap" section that begins this volume. The other numbered adjustments in the table correspond to the narrative descriptions.

DP 1 - Panel Operating Costs - All panel functions are conducted through consulting and other professional services. The panel is requesting an increase for consulting and professional services, travel, and audit fees in anticipation of increased activity. Activity depends on the number of cases filed. This number was lower than average in the base year.

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COMMENT**

Activity is dependent upon the number of cases filed. Though this number can be estimated, it cannot be predicted. The panel is requesting contingent funding based upon an anticipated increase in activity. The activity in the 2001 biennium was below the Chiropractic League's historic experience.