



# Legislative Background Brief

for the  
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

June 2013

## Board of Athletic Trainers

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### Board = 5 members (term expiration in parentheses)

<b>Licensed physician = 1</b> Vacant since 2011. Term would end 2015.	<b>Athletic trainers = 3</b> <b>Postsecondary rep.</b> - Brian Coble, Helena (10/1/2015) <b>Secondary rep.</b> - Shawn Ruff, Great Falls (10/1/2013) <b>Health or athletic facility employee</b> - Christopher Heard, Butte (10/1/2015)
<b>Public member not connected with athletic training = 1</b> Robert Fletcher, Bozeman (10/1/2013)	

<b>Number of Licenses</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>
Total .....	93	117	133	113

### Licensing Fees (since 2009)

Original application and license fee .....	\$175
License renewal fee .....	\$175

### Revenues FY2009-FY2012 and Expenditures for FY 2009-2012

	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Licensing	Other	Personal Services	Operating
FY 2009*	\$74,570		\$20,653	
FY 2010*	\$10,370		\$11,137	
FY 2011*	\$ 5,870		\$21,134	
FY 2012*	\$24,095		\$20,045	
FY 2015 biennium**	--		\$48,401	

\*The board had a triannual renewal period that impacted revenues. In August 2012, the board adopted an annual renewal period. Board budget balances can be twice the annual appropriation level (37-1-101(10), MCA). \*\*Appropriation Authority In House Bill 2

Expenditures, FY 2012	Direct	Indirect			
		Admin	Div. IT/Bureau	Compliance	Bureau
Personal Services, incl. per diem	\$7,159	\$983	\$1,676	\$1,543	\$732

Operating Expenses		
Consulting, Printing, IT, Other	\$807	\$601
Supplies, incl. Computer	\$141	\$363
Postage, mailing, IT network, voice srv	\$431	\$278
Travel/Per Diem for Board Members	\$154	
Rent and other expenses*	\$1,423	\$1,761
Legal and hearings	\$1,992	
Total (rounding may give slight change)	\$12,108	\$7,937

\*Includes computer and office equipment repair of \$3, dues, education & training, and fee collection expense of \$499, and rent/office equipment meeting rooms of \$920 for direct expenses and DLI OIT expense of \$823, computer/equipment repair of \$32, and indirect agency costs with IT training, freight-express, etc. costs of \$906 for indirect expenses.

### Number of Complaints

FY 09 ..... 0  
FY 10 ..... 0  
FY 11 ..... 3  
FY 12 ..... 0

### Disciplinary Action (may be from other years)

Dismissed 1, Investigations 1

### Scope of Practice

An *athletic trainer* is licensed to practice athletic training defined in 37-36-101, MCA, as prevention, recognition, assessment, management, treatment, disposition, and reconditioning of athletic injuries. The term includes the following: (a) the use of heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, exercise, reconditioning, or mechanical devices related to the care and conditioning of athletes; and (b) the education and counseling of the public on matters related to athletic training. An athletic trainer may apply or administer topical medications as outlined in 37-36-204, MCA.

### 2013 Legislation Impacting Board or Profession

#### Summary of Responses from Survey as made through June 11, 2013:

# of Responses from Board of Athletic Trainers licensees -- 37

Comments summarized separately.