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# Joint Appropriations Budget Presentation

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**Corporations  
Elections  
Investigations  
Administration  
Professional Licensing  
Securities**

Plus attached agencies: Real Estate & GAMCC

# Corporations

- Completely self sustaining
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year with No State Funds
- 1,407,621 filings in FY22
  
- There is a need to fund a capital IT project to replace the aging Corporations system: Cost \$2.8 million
  
- Total revenue produced in FY22: \$106,242,898

# Elections

- Back-to-back successful election cycles with paper ballot system
- Launching Phase 2 of new voter registration system GARVIS, GeorgiA Registered Voter Information System in February
- Enhanced Transparency with the new Elections Data Hub
- Successfully implemented the Election Integrity Act
- Upgrading Poll Pads in every county, enhancing security and cutting check-in times in half

# Elections

- Upgrade Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPSs) for all BMDs: \$4 million
- Data Plan for Poll Pads 2024 Election Cycle: \$550,000
- SB202 Mandated Ballot Image Capture Library: \$250,000
- Enhancements to GIS, BallotTracking (w/ USPS), Data visualization: \$625,000

# Elections/State Election Board

- Governor's Budget proposes repurposing 2 current Elections to employees serve SEB. Would like to be kept whole, adding 2 employees
- Travel Budget for Board Members: \$20,000
- Board Support Administrative Overhead: \$30,000
- Independent Website: \$20,000
- Integration with Investigations System: \$30,000

# Investigations

- Record number of Investigations
  - Record number of Licensees (over 500,000)
  - Elections Claims for investigation remain high, especially now that we are entering another Presidential Cycle.
  - Request 4 new investigators
  - Replace 6 vehicles past DOAS thresholds.
- Legislature authorized 23 replacement vehicles in '23 budget. Price increases only allowed purchase of 17 vehicles.

# Administration

- Governor's proposed budget makes no changes.
- No SOS requests in this division.



# Professional Licensing Board

- Over 520,000 licensees
- Renewals:
  - FY19: 179,102
  - FY20: 222,608
  - FY 21: 200,083
  - FY22: 262,140
- Licenses Issued:
  - FY19: 48,582
  - FY20: 42,917
  - FY21: 53,060
  - FY22: 50,206
- Total revenue produced in FY22: \$22,086,328.58

# Professional Licensing Board

- Population of licensees continues to grow.
- Continuing the IT Capital Project to replace existing Licensing System w/ redirected bond dollars.
- Go live schedule by trade starting in the Spring and run through Fall.
- Working with engineers to launch independent board.
- Request one admin support employee for Boxing Commission.

# Securities

- Manage 305,971 total registrations.
  - Invest Georgia Exemption (IGE) used by 120 Georgia companies.
  - Continue to grow financial education through She Leads and Financial Literacy Training.
  - Investigating enhanced Securities Platform in shared Org with PLB.
  - No agency requests at this time.
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- Total revenue produced in FY22: \$13,593,079.48

# Attached Agencies

- Real Estate: No changes proposed
- Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission: Amended budget proposes increase of \$120,963 to pay for OSAH hearings. Agency supports

# Forward Look

- Thankful for the proposed pay increase for employees in FY24 Budget.
- Retention still challenging.
- Agency continues to invest in technology to enhance customer experience.
- Plan to pursue other Federal dollars where available for Capital Projects.

*Thank You*

*Questions?*