

# ABSTRACTERS' BOARD OF EXAMINERS

## FY 2023 – FY 2025 BUDGET ANALYSIS

FIGURE 1  
**BUDGET OVERVIEW, FY 2023 – FY 2025**

	Actual FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	Governor FY 2025
<b>Operating Expenditures:</b>					
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Funds	22,567	25,711	25,711	25,723	25,723
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 22,567</u>	<u>\$ 25,711</u>	<u>\$ 25,711</u>	<u>\$ 25,723</u>	<u>\$ 25,723</u>
<b>Capital Improvements:</b>					
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,567</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,711</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,711</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,723</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,723</u></b>
<b>Percentage Change:</b>					
State General Fund	-- %	-- %	-- %	-- %	-- %
All Funds	4.2 %	13.9 %	13.9 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
FTE Positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

The Abstracters' Board of Examiners is composed of three individuals who are appointed by the Governor and who are tasked with licensing and regulating individuals and firms that compile and sell abstracts of Kansas real estate. Abstracters search county and court records for all transactions and legal issues involving the legal description of a property in order to verify whether the title to the property is free and clear of all restrictions and encumbrances. In order to obtain a license to sell land abstracts, individuals and businesses must pass an examination that is prepared and administered by the agency. In addition to passing the examination, licensees must file a bond with the agency to protect against the loss or destruction of public records, as well as file a policy of errors and omissions insurance.

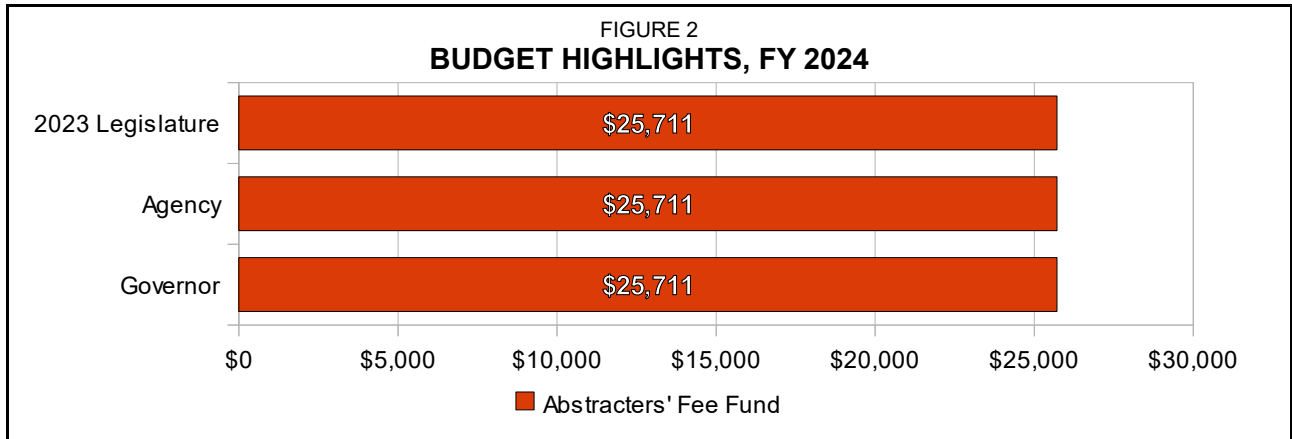
The stated mission of the Abstracters' Board of Examiners is to protect the citizens of Kansas against fraudulent and improper land title transfers by ensuring that practicing abstracters are professional and reliable in their work products.

**STATUTORY BASIS:** • KSA 58-2801, *et seq.*; KSA 74-3901, *et seq.*

**AGENCY GOALS:** • Continue to keep the active businesses licensed.  
• Promote getting new individuals licensed as abstracters in Kansas.  
• Improve awareness of the value of an abstract.

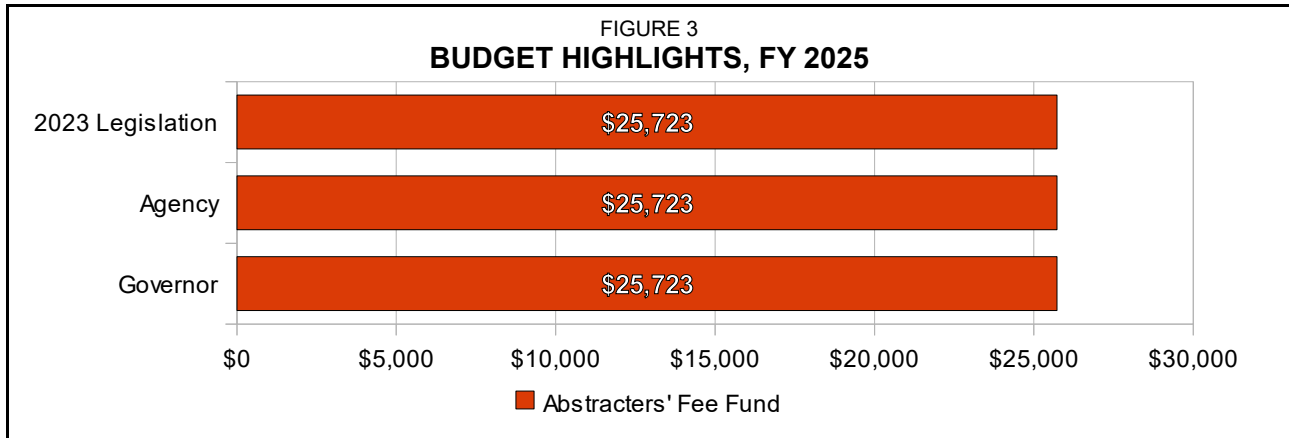
## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Legislature approved a budget of \$25,711, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, for the Abstracters' Board of Examiners for FY 2024.



The **agency** submits a revised estimate of \$25,711, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, in expenditures in FY 2024. This is the same as the amount approved by the 2023 Legislature.

The **Governor** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2024.



The **agency** requests \$25,723, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, in expenditures for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$12, or less than 0.1 percent, above the amount requested in FY 2024. The increase is in salaries and wages for FY 2025.

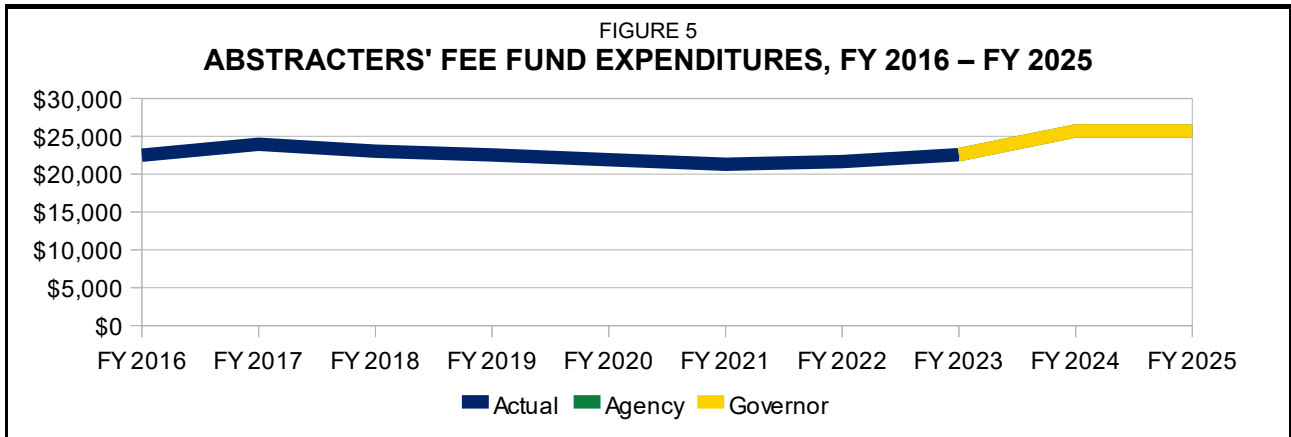
The **Governor** concurs with the agency's revised estimate for FY 2025.

## EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING

FIGURE 4  
**BUDGET SUMMARY BY CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE, FY 2023 – FY 2025**

Category of Expenditure:	Actual FY 2023	Agency FY 2024	Governor FY 2024	Agency FY 2025	Governor FY 2025
Salaries and Wages	\$ 21,010	\$ 21,524	\$ 21,524	\$ 21,539	\$ 21,539
Contractual Services	1,438	3,888	3,888	3,885	3,885
Commodities	109	299	299	299	299
Capital Outlay	10	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Interest	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 22,567</i>	<i>\$ 25,711</i>	<i>\$ 25,711</i>	<i>\$ 25,723</i>	<i>\$ 25,723</i>
Aid to Local Units	-	-	-	-	-
Other Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal—Operating</i>	<i>\$ 22,567</i>	<i>\$ 25,711</i>	<i>\$ 25,711</i>	<i>\$ 25,723</i>	<i>\$ 25,723</i>
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Principal	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,567</b>	<b>\$ 25,711</b>	<b>\$ 25,711</b>	<b>\$ 25,723</b>	<b>\$ 25,723</b>
<b>Financing:</b>					
State General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Funds	22,567	25,711	25,711	25,723	25,723
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,567</b>	<b>\$ 25,711</b>	<b>\$ 25,711</b>	<b>\$ 25,723</b>	<b>\$ 25,723</b>
FTE Positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## ABSTRACTERS' FEE FUND

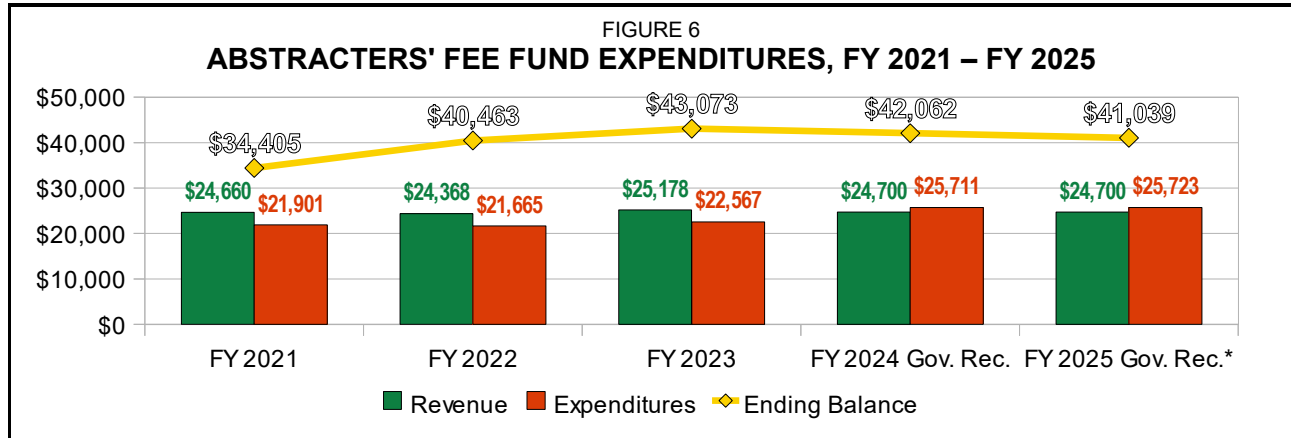


The Abstracters' Board of Examiners is a fee-funded agency. The only source of funds for the agency is the Abstracters' Fee Fund. The revenue deposited into the fee fund provides financing for all agency operations. The agency generates revenue from three sources of fees:

- Annual license fees: \$75 per license (KSA 58-2801);
- Examination fees for first-time examinees: \$75 per exam (KSA 58-2805); and
- Examination fees for repeat examinees: \$50 per retake (KSA 58-2805).

Per KSA 75-3170a, 90.0 percent of incoming revenues are retained by the agency and 10.0 percent are remitted to, or deposited into, the State General Fund (SGF), up to a maximum of \$100,000 per fiscal year per fund.

## ABSTRACTERS' FEE FUND



\* For FY 2025, the lowest month ending balance for the Abstracters' Fee Fund will occur in November, with a balance of \$32,281.

FIGURE 7  
**LICENSE FEES, FY 2024**

License	Current Fee	Statutory Limit	Authority
Employee License Fee	\$ 75	\$ 75	KSA 58-2801
Business/Operative License Fee	75	75	KSA 58-2801
Employee License Fee (renewal)	75	75	KSA 58-2801
Business/Operative License Fee (renewal)	75	75	KSA 58-2801
Examination Fee (first-time examinee)	75	*	KSA 58-2805(a)
Examination Fee (non-first-time examinee)	50	*	KSA 58-2801(a)

\* KSA 58-2805(a) provides that examination fees shall be fixed by the Board by rules and regulations in an amount adequate to cover the cost of the examination.

## FY 2024 ANALYSIS

FIGURE 8

### SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2024

	SGF	All Funds	FTE
<b>Legislative Approved:</b>			
Amount Approved by 2023 Legislature	\$ -	\$ 25,711	0.0
1. No Changes	-	-	--
<i>Subtotal—Legislative Approved</i>	\$ -	\$ 25,711	0.0
<b>Agency Revised Estimate:</b>			
2. No Changes	\$ -	\$ -	--
<i>Subtotal—Agency Revised Estimate</i>	\$ -	\$ 25,711	0.0
<b>Governor's Recommendation:</b>			
3. No Changes	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ 25,711	0.0

### **LEGISLATIVE APPROVED**

Subsequent to the 2023 Session, no adjustments were made to the \$25,711 appropriated to the Abstracters' Board of Examiners for FY 2024.

1. **NO CHANGES.** Subsequent to the 2023 Session, no adjustments were made to the \$25,711 appropriated to the Abstracters' Board of Examiners for FY 2024.

### **AGENCY ESTIMATE**

The **agency** submits a revised estimate of \$25,711, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, in expenditures in FY 2024. This is the same as the amount approved by the 2023 Legislature.

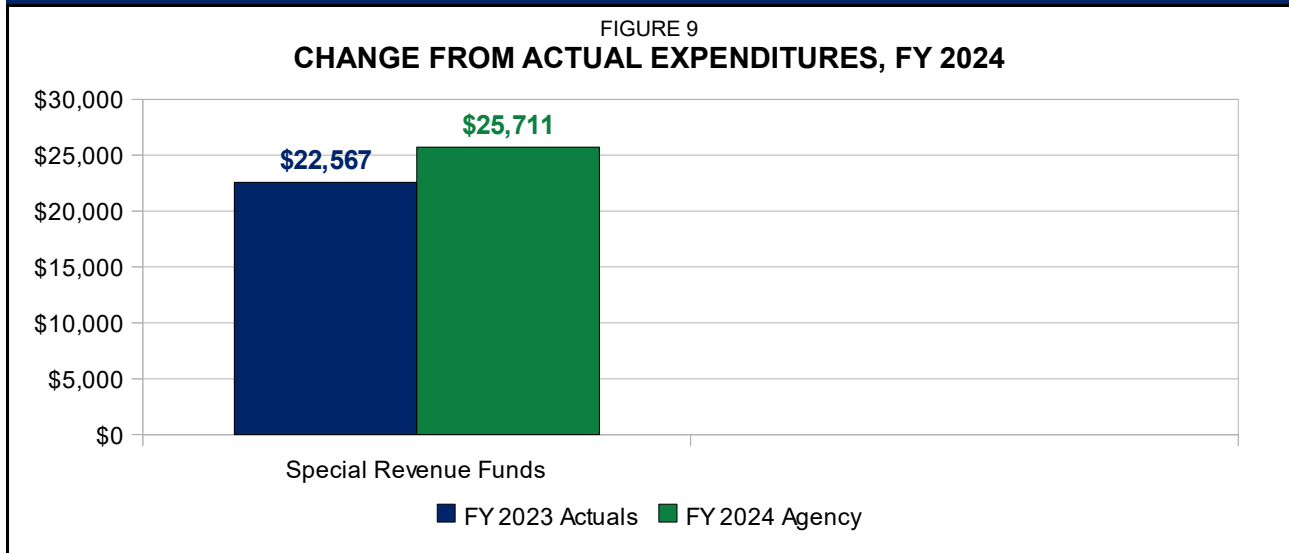
2. **NO CHANGES.** The agency submits a revised estimate of \$25,711, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, in FY 2024. This is the same as the amount approved by the 2023 Legislature.

### **GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

The **Governor** concurs with the agency's revised estimate of \$25,711 in FY 2024.

3. **NO CHANGES.** The Governor does not recommend any changes to the agency's revised estimate of \$25,711 in FY 2024.

## FY 2024 CHANGE FROM ACTUAL EXPENDITURES



The **agency** estimates revised expenditures of \$25,711, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, in FY 2024. This is an increase of \$3,144, or 13.9 percent, above the agency's actual expenditures for FY 2023. The increase is primarily due to increased contractual services expenditures to account for travel by staff and other professional fees.

## FY 2025 ANALYSIS

FIGURE 10

### SUMMARY OF BUDGET REQUEST, FY 2025

	SGF	All Funds	FTE
<b>Agency Revised Estimate*:</b>			
Revised Estimate without Major Changes	\$ -	\$ 25,723	0.0
1. No Changes	-	-	
<i>Subtotal—Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ 25,723	0.0
<b>Governor's Recommendation:</b>			
2. No Changes	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -	\$ 25,723	0.0

\* *Staff note:* The 2023 Legislature approved a budget of \$25,723, all from special revenue funds, and 0.0 FTE positions for FY 2025.

### **AGENCY REQUEST**

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$25,723, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, in expenditures for FY 2025. This is the same as the amount approved by the 2023 Legislature.

1. **NO CHANGES.** The agency requests a revised estimate of \$25,723, all from the Abstracters' Fee Fund, for FY 2025. This is the same as the amount approved by the 2023 Legislature.

### **GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

The **Governor** concurs with the agency's revised estimate of \$25,723 for FY 2025.

2. **NO CHANGES.** The Governor does not recommend any changes to the agency's request of \$25,723 for FY 2025.