

# 2018 FACT SHEET



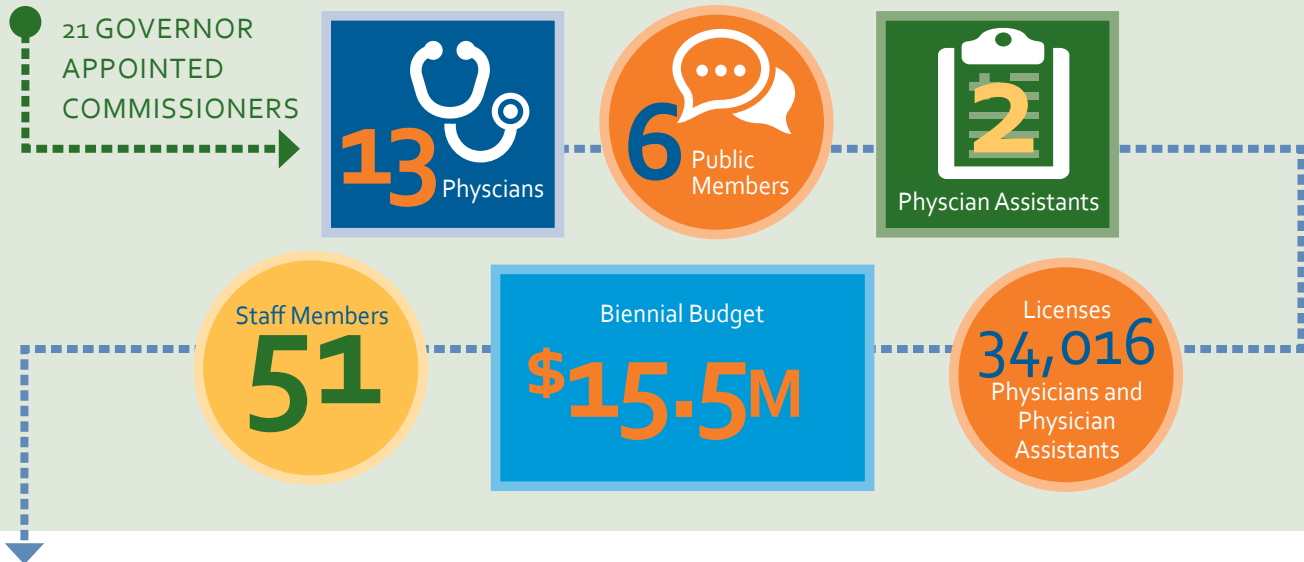
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## OVERVIEW



## ACTIONS IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018

- Issued 2,732 new licenses.
- Received 1,808 complaints/reports.
- Investigated 717 complaints/reports.
- Completed legal process on 584 complaints/reports.
- Issued 68 disciplinary orders.
- Summarily suspended or restricted 9 licenses.
- Actively monitoring 163 practitioners under a compliance order.
- 62 practitioners successfully completed compliance programs.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Medical Commission began issuing Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) licenses in January 2018.
- Developed a Citizen Engagement Workgroup to study the needs of the general public and find ways to deliver better service.
- Created [a resource page](#) to help patients make the most of their visit to the doctor's office.
- Held 13 opioid prescribing rule-making workshops and hearings to incorporate stakeholder comments into the requirements of [ESHB 1427](#).
- Issued over 650 category I CME credits regarding Pain Management.

## AWARDS

2012: Best of Boards Award  
Recipient – Administrators  
in Medicine

2014: Best of Boards  
Honorable Mention –  
Administrators in Medicine

2015: Consumer Protection  
Award – Council on  
Licensing, Enforcement  
and Regulation

2016: Ronald K. Williamson  
Memorial Award for  
Board Investigators –  
Administrators in Medicine

2016: Investigative  
Excellence- Council on  
Licensing, Enforcement  
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