

Proposed Increases to DPR Licensing Application and Renewal Fees

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Agenda

Licensing fee history and authority

Licensing program funding sources

Licensing program revenue and costs

Licensing fee increase proposal

Licensing Program Fee History

Historically -

- **Fees set by the Legislature**
- **Most fees were established in 1967**
- **Fees raised by CA Food and Agricultural Code amendments in 1970s & 1980s**
- **Licensing Program only partially supported by fee revenue**

Example Fee History, Pest Control Business (PCB) License

1984: \$25.00; 1987: \$100.00

SB 1049 (2003, Ch. 741) – Licensing Fees Must Fully Support Program

Legislative mandate that licensing program is self-supported

- **CA Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) Sec. 11502.5(b)-(g)**
 - **Directed the Department to set licensing and certification fees**
 - **Fees set to support total annual costs of program**
- **Resulted in first and only time the Department adjusted fees to fully support program (example: PCB raised from \$100 to \$160)**

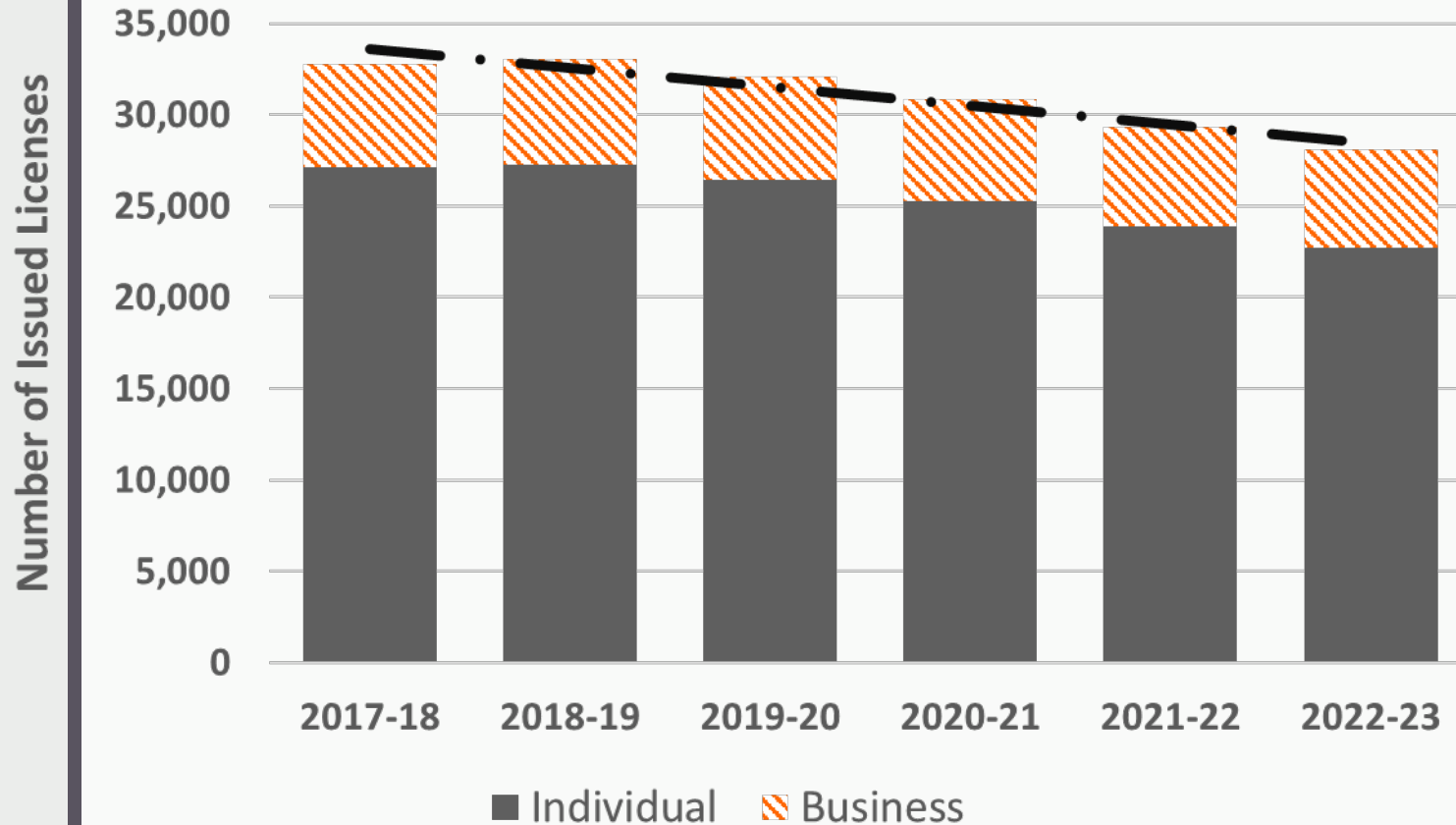
Licensing & Certification Revenue Sources

Four general sources

- **Renewals ~ 67%**
- **New Applications & Exams ~ 29%**
- **Continuing Education (CE) Course Applications ~ 2.5 %**
- **Late Fees ~ 1.5%**

Fees from renewals and new applications fund the program

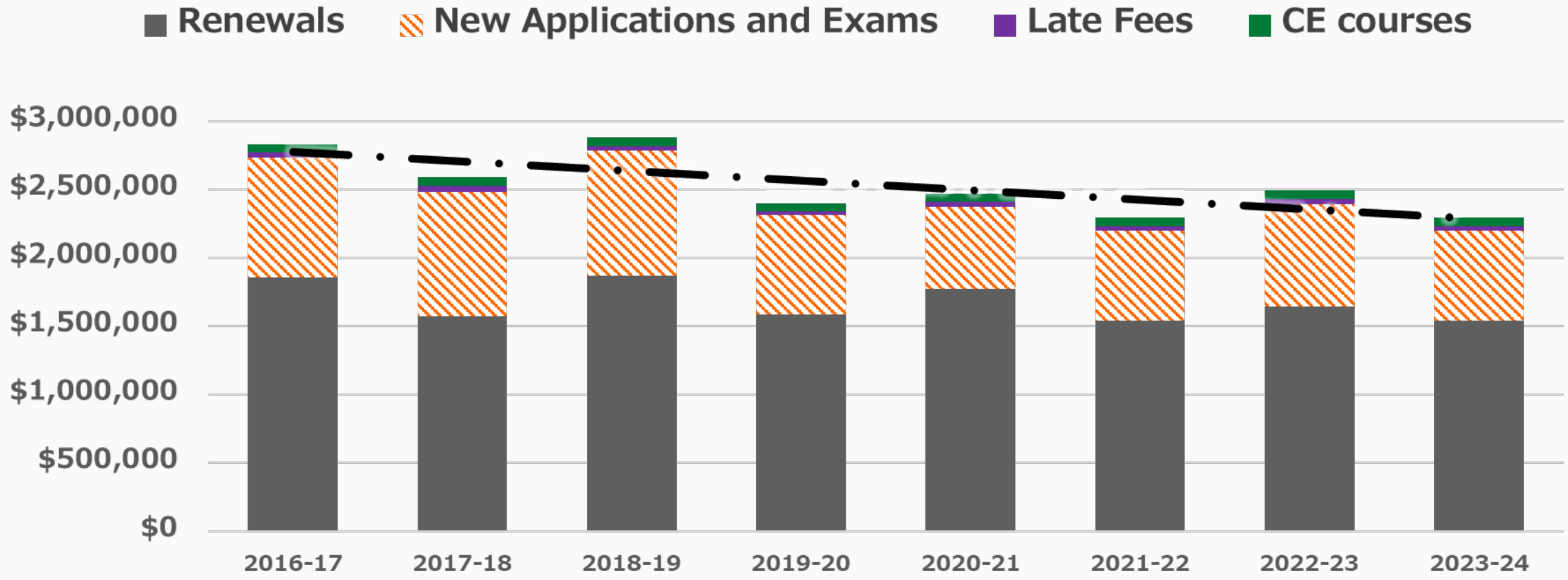
Decline In Licensed Applicators And Businesses



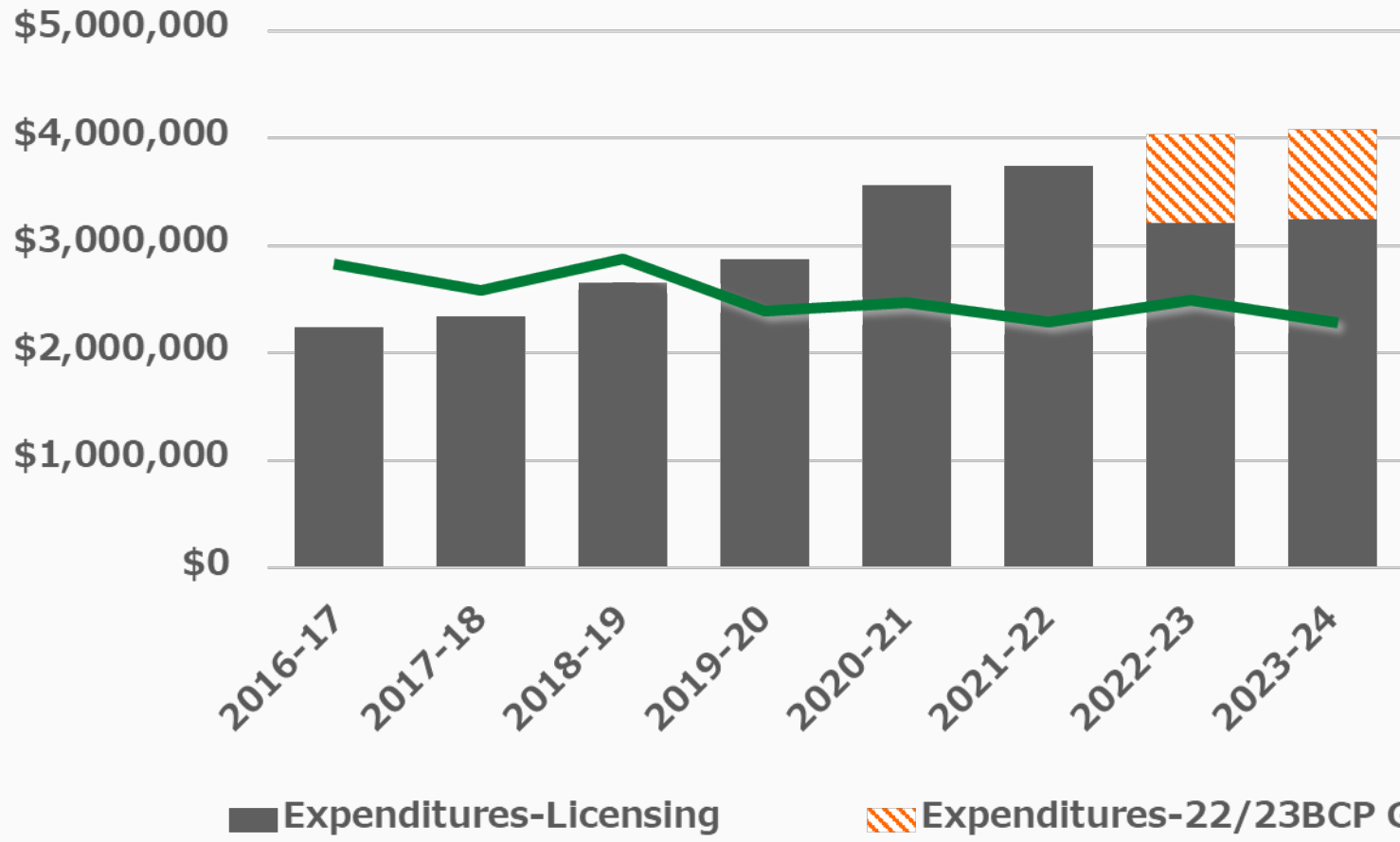
3% annual decline

Change from 17/18 to 22/23

- **All licenses (-14%)**
 - **Individuals (-19%)**
 - **Businesses (- 5%)**



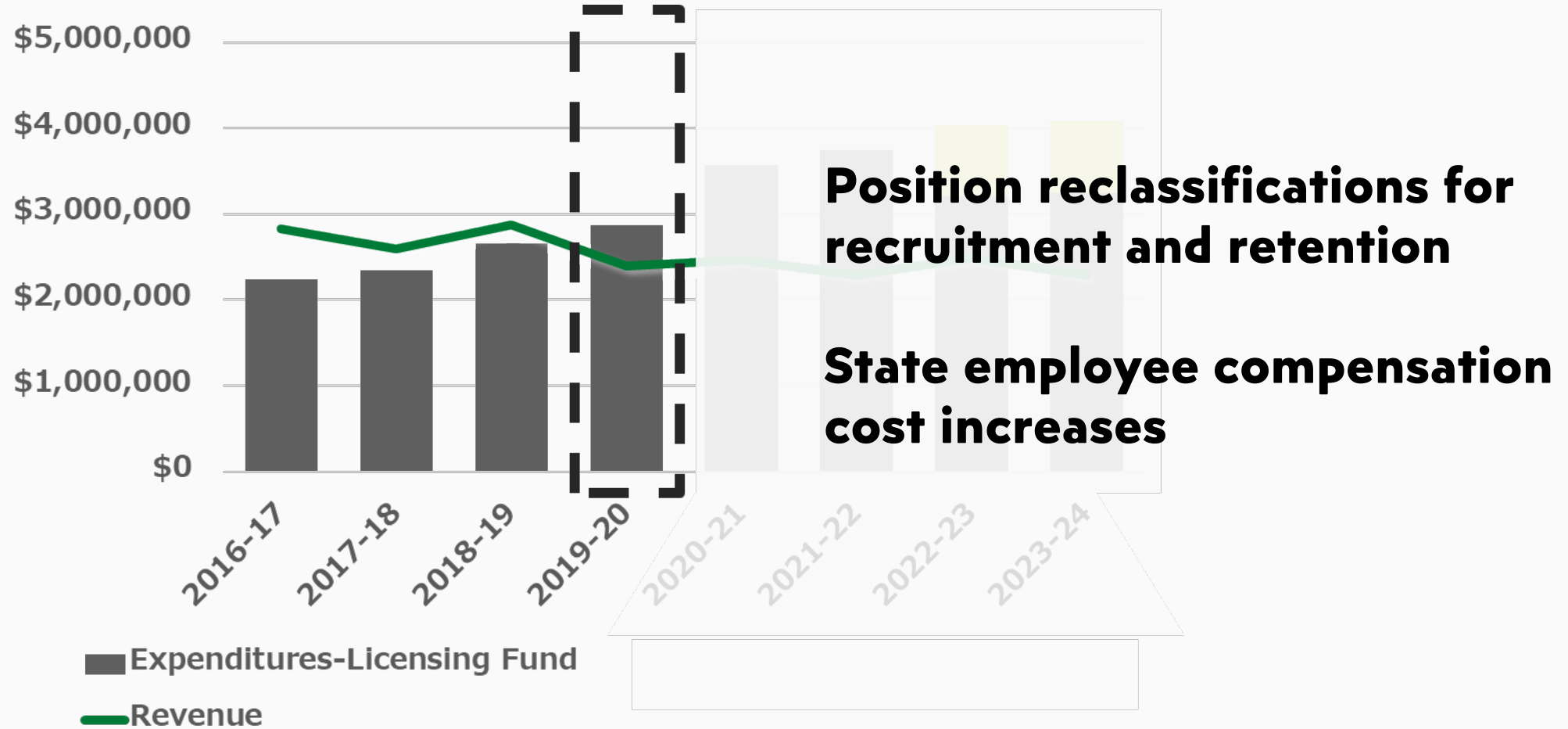
Licensing Revenue 19% Drop From 2016/17-2023/24



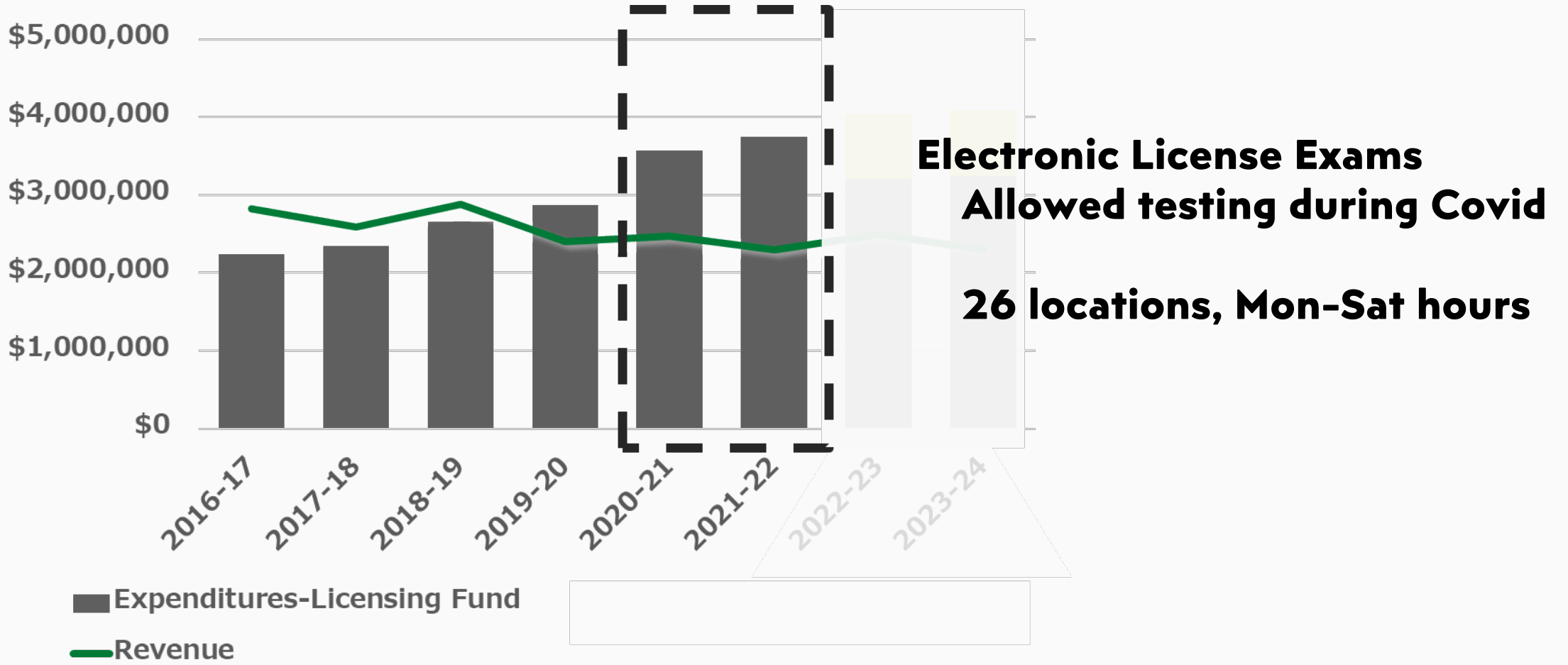
While revenues declined, costs have increased

Licensing Program Expenditures 2016-2024

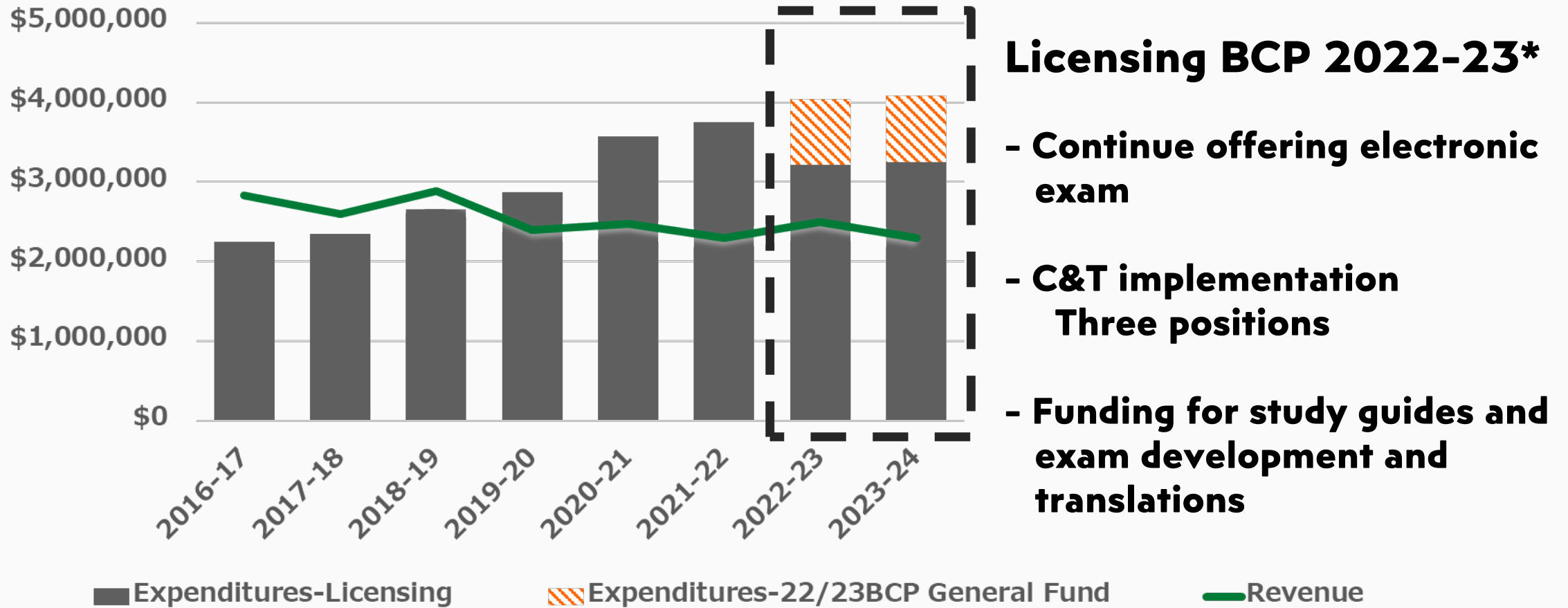
* Estimated expenditures for 2023-24



Licensing Enhancements, 2018-19 to 2019-20

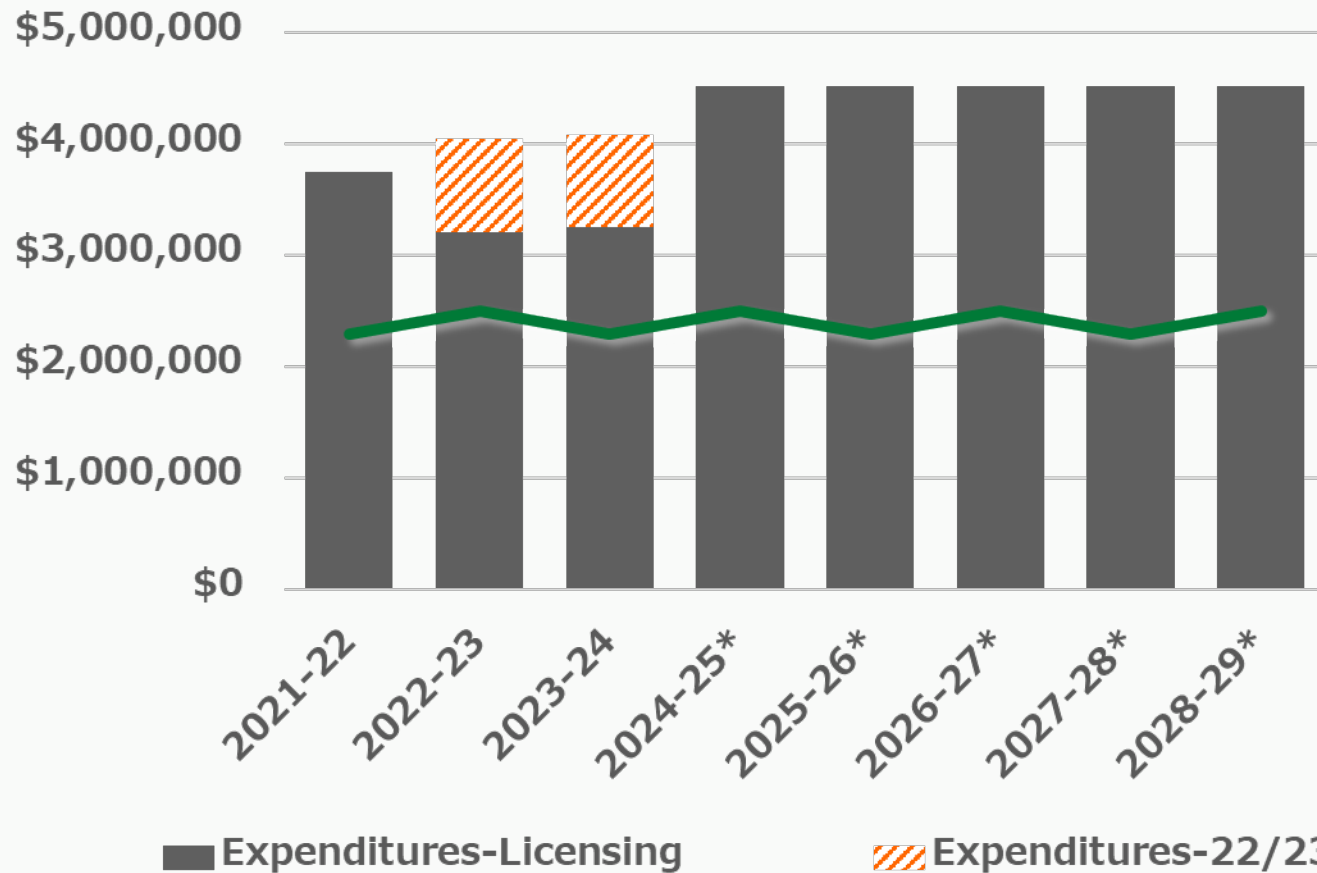


Licensing Enhancements, 2020-21 to 2021-22



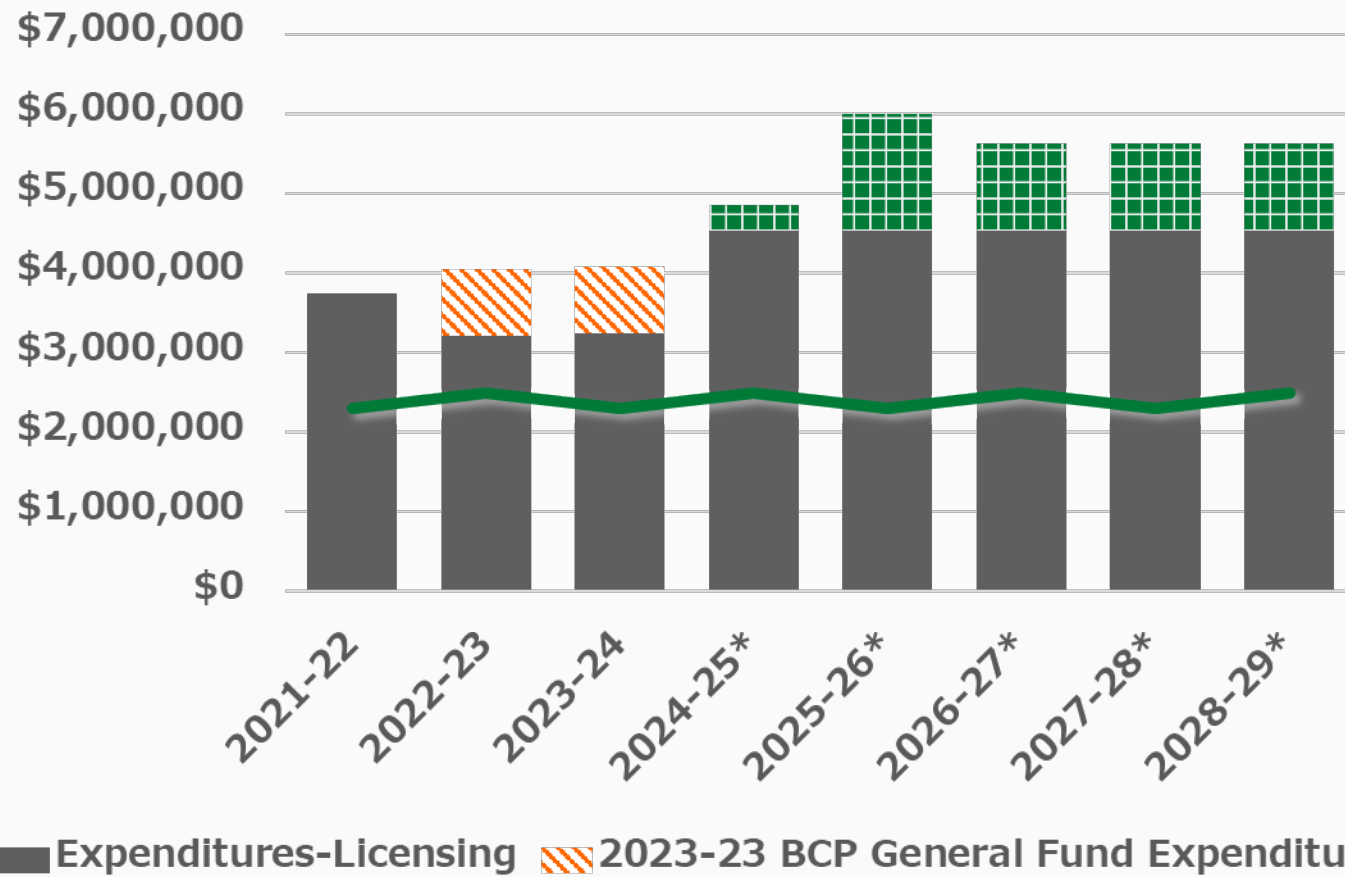
Licensing Enhancements, 2022-23 to 2023-24

*General Fund bridge funding for 2 fiscal years, after 2023-24, funded by Licensing Revenue



In 2024-25, General Fund bridge ends for positions and electronic testing

Future Licensing Cost Projections To Maintain Current Program Services



2024-25:

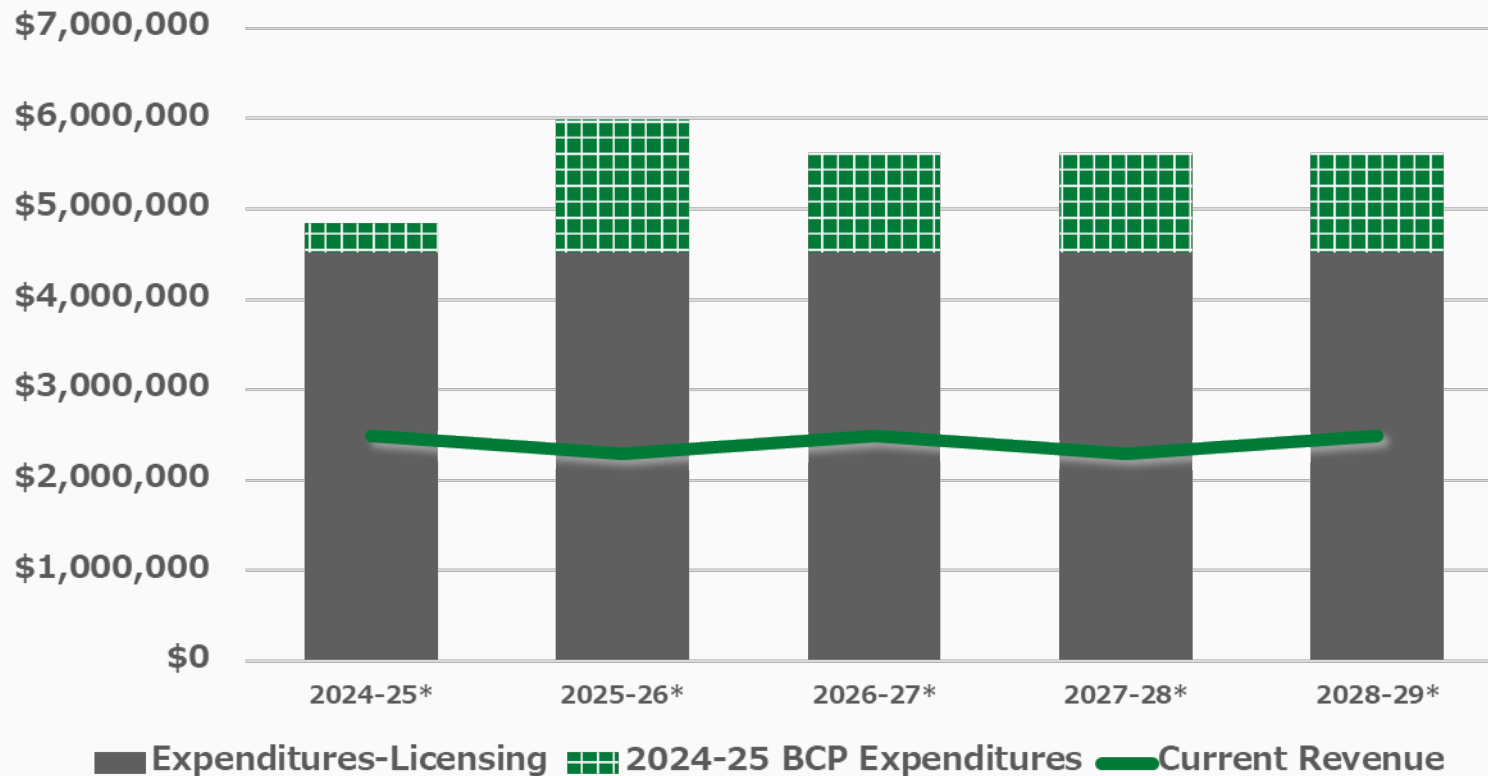
- Funding for study guide revisions

2025-26:

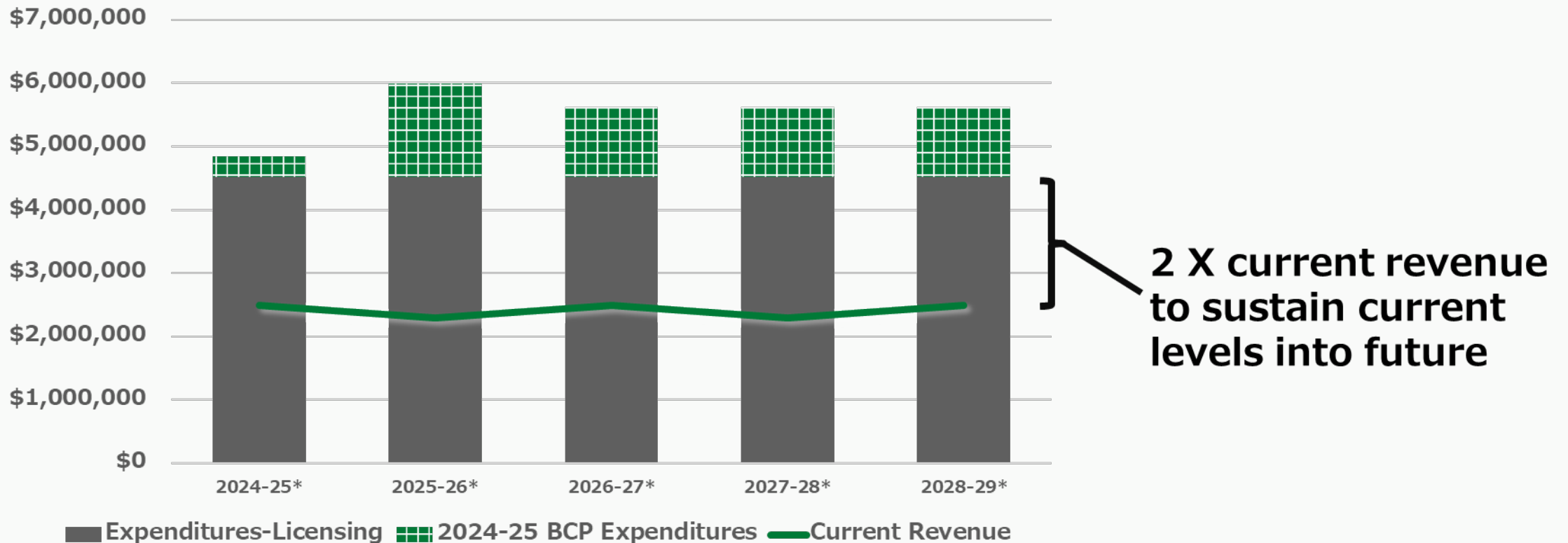
- One-time funding to support SPM training programs
- Addition of three staff

Future Licensing Projections – 2024-25 BCP Support

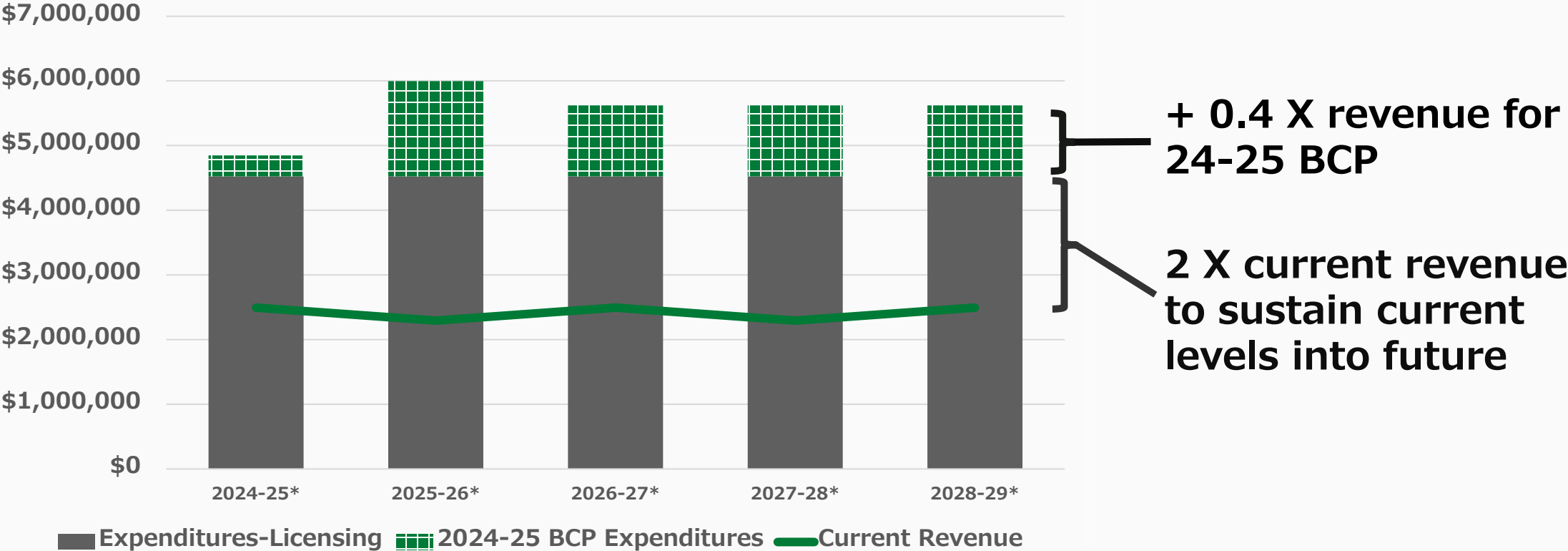
Estimated Future Revenues and Expenditures



Estimated Revenue To Maintain The Licensing Program



Estimated Revenue Increase To Support 2024-25 BCP



Fee Funding Proposal

To meet future projected expenditures

Renewal, New Application, Exam Costs

- **Ongoing program costs = 2.0 X current costs**
- **Ongoing costs + 2024-25 BCP = additional 0.4 X**

Pesticide Broker License increased from \$0 to \$20

Continuing Education fee unchanged

Fee funding proposal – Licenses and Renewals

License/Certificate	Current Fees	Meet Existing Imbalance	With 2024-25 BCP
Pest Control Advisor			
New License	\$80	\$160	\$190
2 yr Renewal	\$140	\$280	\$330
Qualified Applicator License			
New License	\$80	\$160	\$190
2 yr Renewal	\$120	\$240	\$280
Pilot Certificates			
New License	\$60	\$120	\$140
2 yr Renewal	\$90	\$180	\$210
Maintenance Gardener			
New License	\$80	\$160	\$190
2 yr Renewal	\$160	\$320	\$380
Pest Control Business Main			
New License	\$160	\$320	\$380
2 yr Renewal	\$320	\$640	\$760

Licensing Program Trajectory

- **Develop and implement three renewal cycle after fee increase**
- **Work towards having electronic payment and online submittal of licensing applications.**
- **Increase Spanish language study guides and certification exams**
- **Further develop continuing education tracking and reporting abilities for license holders**

Fee Proposal – Next Steps

- **May 2, 2024 public presentation of proposal**
- **Pre-rulemaking comment period open until May 24, 2024**
- **Comments to**
 - **LicenseFeeChange@cdpr.ca.gov or**
 - **Department of Pesticide Regulation, Licensing and Certification Program,
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, California 95812-4015**
- **Emergency Regulation package for fees to apply to renewals and licenses issued in 2025 (authorized by FAC 11502.5[g])**
- **Target August 2024 effective date**