

# COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

**AGENDA ITEM:** June 2013 – O-301

**DATE:** June 19, 2013

**TO:** Subcommittee on Operations and Management

**FROM:** Greg Shin, Director, Operations and Management

**SUBJECT:** **FEBRUARY 2013 BAR EXAMINATION COST ANALYSIS**

---

The total cost for administering the February 2013 California Bar Examination was \$1,548,715.42. This compares to the \$1,392,564.11 spent to administer the February 2012 California Bar Examination, which represents an approximate 11% increase in cost from 2012 to 2013.

There are a few factors that contributed to the cost increase:

1. The previously approved pay increases for proctors went into effect on January 1, 2013.
2. The Cal Expo facility contracted in the Sacramento area in 2012 is a materially cheaper facility to utilize than the Sacramento Convention Center, which was the facility used in 2013. It is always the goal to utilize more cost effective testing sites but site availability, capacity, condition, etc. will also drive final location selection decisions.
3. Based on a review of some of the expense categories and given that February 2012 was the first cost analysis conducted, it appears that there may have been a number of expenses not incorporated or mis-classified in the 2012 summary. This would have the effect of under-representing the total expense for the February 2012 Bar Examination administration.