

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

MEASURE: HB 5039-A

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. Barnhart
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Morse**

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 18 – 0 – 3

House– Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

– Nays:

– Exc:

Senate– Yeas: Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Westlund, Whitsett

– Nays:

– Exc: Bates, Verger, Winters

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Meeting Date: 2/9/07

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Senators: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson,
Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters

Senator Kurt Schrader, Co-Chair

Representatives: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson,
Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

Representative Mary Nolan, Co-Chair

Representative Larry Galizio, Education Subcommittee Chair

Budget Summary*

	2005-07		2007-09		Percentage Committee
	Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	Governor's Budget	Committee Recommendation	Difference from Governor's Budget	Change from Governor's Budget
Other Funds	\$ 720,720	\$ 864,027	\$ 860,541	\$ -3,486	-0.4%
Total	\$ 720,720	\$ 864,027	\$ 860,541	\$ -3,486	-0.4%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	3	3	3	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00

(1) Includes adjustments through the December 2006 meeting of the Emergency Board

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

The Board is funded by revenue generated from licensing, application, and examination fees. Other miscellaneous sources include civil penalties and publication sales. The Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education approved the agency's proposal to establish a fingerprinting fee to cover the cost of conducting nationwide criminal background checks on applicants and licensees. The fee will be established administratively during the 2007-09 biennium and will require ratification by the 2009 Legislature.

Summary of Subcommittee Action

The mission of the Board is to protect and benefit public health and safety; and promote quality in the psychology profession.

The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$860,541 Other Funds, an 8.9 percent increase from the Essential Budget Level (EBL), and 3.00 full-time equivalent positions. The approved budget enhances consumer protection by providing additional resources to perform criminal background checks on all applicants and licensees.

Package 100: Character & Fitness Initiative was approved, in the amount of \$60,424 Other Funds. This package will allow the Board to conduct nationwide background checks on current licensees and new applicants. The Subcommittee reduced the package by \$3,486 to reflect the correct rate charged by the Oregon State Police and shifted the expenditure limitation from the Services and Supplies category to the Special Payment Category for uniformity with other agency budgets.

Package 102: Power to Order Evaluations, was approved, in the amount of \$10,000 Other Funds. The only similarity between the package approved by the Subcommittee and the package requested by the agency is the amount. As originally requested this package would have increased the budget for Attorney General services in anticipation the Senate Bill 229 would become law. Senate Bill 229 would allow the board to “*at any time direct and order a licensed psychologist to submit to a psychological, physical or psychiatric assessment or any combination thereof*”. Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) analysis of the agency’s current biennium expenditures revealed that although the agency may have a sufficient Attorney General budget to accommodate the potential impact of Senate Bill 229, that budget surplus was being used to cover projected overages in other Services & Supplies line-items. The Subcommittee approved increasing the agency’s budget by \$10,000 in the line-items detailed below (instead of Attorney General) to more closely align these budgets with current spending patterns.

Data Processing	\$ 4,420
Rent	993
Other Services & Supplies	<u>4,587</u>
	<u>\$10,000</u>

Summary of Performance Measure Action

See attached Legislatively Adopted 2007-09 Key Performance Measures form.