

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

MEASURE: SB 5527-A

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. Morgan
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Bates**

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

Vote: 19 – 1 – 1

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

– Nays:

– Exc:

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

– Nays: Gordly

– Exc: Winters

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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

Senator Margaret Carter, Human Services Subcommittee Chair

Budget Summary*

	<u>2005-07</u>	<u>2007-09</u>			<u>Percentage Committee</u>
	<u>Legislatively Approved Budget (1)</u>	<u>Governor's Budget</u>	<u>Committee Recommendation</u>	<u>Difference from Governor's Budget</u>	<u>Change from Governor's Budget</u>
Other Funds	7,267,070	8,691,966	8,522,392	-169,574	-2.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	36	37	37	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	34.30	35.30	35.30	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 entirely with Other Funds, supported by fees paid for professional licenses, and miscellaneous revenue. The Board receives approximately 96 percent of its revenue from fees for licensure and four percent from sales of lists, license verifications, and various fines or forfeitures. There were no revenue changes recommended.

Summary of Subcommittee Action

The mission of the Oregon Board of Medical Examiners is to protect the health, safety, and well being of Oregon citizens by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes quality care.

In addition to its licensing functions, the Board conducts investigations, imposes disciplinary action, and supports rehabilitation, education, and research to further its legislative mandate to protect the citizens of Oregon. The Board of Medical Examiners is also responsible for the scope of practice of First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. The Board presently licenses the following health care providers:

- Medical Doctors (MD)
- Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
- Podiatric Physicians (DPM)
- Physician Assistants (PA)
- Acupuncturists (LAc)

The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$8,522,392 Other Funds, an 11.3 percent increase from Essential Budget Level (EBL), and 35.30 full-time equivalent positions (FTE).

Package 101: Integrate Public Safety and Customer Service, was approved, in the amount of \$493,700. This package allows the agency to replace its databases, applications, and reporting systems with a new licensing and case management system. The new system is expected to help reduce the number of days it takes to process applications and renewals as well as provide tools to more effectively manage increasing investigative and compliance workloads. The majority (\$443,100) of the increase is one-time and will be phased-out of the agency's 2009-11 budget. The Subcommittee requested that the agency provide a status report on the project (including final costs and performance results) as part of their 2009-11 budget presentation.

Package 102: Workload Management, was approved, in the amount of \$229,210 Other Funds and 2 positions (1.50 FTE). This package provides: increased staff to reduce the number of days to process application and renewals; a permanent position to continue criminal background checks; a one-time increase of \$54,100 to reconfigure office space and replace non-ergonomic furniture (to be phased-out in 2009-11); and a Professional Services budget increase to pay a more competitive hourly rate (\$125) for needed medical expertise. The Subcommittee modified this package to include an \$11,424 reduction to remove unneeded system driven flexible benefits budget and a \$5,150 reduction for a summer internship program – with the understanding that the agency would pursue the employment of an intern with existing resources.

Package 103: Mental Health Services for Licensees, was approved, in the amount of \$252,245 Other Funds. This package will expand the eligibility for the Health Professionals Program to include mental health issues – the existing program only addresses chemical dependency. The Subcommittee requested that the agency provide an implementation status report (including the actual costs and performance results) to either the Emergency Board during the interim or as part of their 2009-11 budget presentation.

Package 104: Transparency and Accountability, was not approved. This package was denied as part of the two percent reprioritization reduction.

Package 802: Ways and Means Co-Chair 2% Reprioritization, was approved reducing the agency's budget by \$118,180. These reductions (detailed below) and the elimination of Package 104 achieved the agency's reduction target of \$153,000.

(a) HB 3182 reduction #1 – agency wide miscellaneous services and supplies.	\$ 69,184
(b) HB 3182 reduction #2 – eliminate one permanently assigned motor pool vehicle and parking space	9,600
(c) Reduce the EBL professional services reserve earmarked for unspecified initiatives	21,653
(d) Reduce the EBL attorney general reserve earmarked for extraordinary contested case costs.	17,743
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	<u>\$118,180</u>

Summary of Performance Measure Action

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