

**74<sup>th</sup> OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session  
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

**MEASURE: SB 5528**

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Morrisette**

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 18 – 0 – 3

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

– Nays:

– Exc: Morgan

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

– Nays:

– Exc: Bates, Winters

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**Meeting Date:** 2/16/07

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**Agency**

Board of Nursing

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**Biennium**

2007-09

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

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Senator Kurt Schrader, Co-Chair

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

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Representative Mary Nolan, Co-Chair

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Senator Margaret Carter, Human Services 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	\$9,667,662	\$9,756,845	\$9,756,845	\$0	0.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	45	44	44	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	44.25	41.75	41.75	0.00

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

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

The Board of Nursing is funded with Other Funds, supported by fees paid for professional licenses, examinations, and miscellaneous revenue. The Board receives additional funding for the Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) program from the Department of Human Services, Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD). Funding consists of a Title XVII (Medicare) grant that requires no matching funds and a Title XIX (Medicaid) general grant, requiring matching funds from the Board at a 2:1. Fees collected by the Board for the CNA program are transferred to SPD, who return Other Funds revenue to the Board after the match is applied. For every dollar transferred to SPD, two dollars are returned.

The Subcommittee approved a fee increase of \$20 for Registered Nurses and Licensed Nurse Practitioners. These fees will be established administratively by the Board during the 2007-09 biennium and be subject to ratification by the 2009 Legislature. Modifications to package 102 include a revenue increase of \$96,000 (in place of a \$100,000 General Fund to Other Funds transfer from DHS) to reflect a more accurate projection of anticipated revenue generated by the fee increases.

**Summary of Subcommittee Action**

The Oregon Board of Nursing protects the public’s health, safety, and well-being through the regulation of nursing practice and nursing education. The Board actively licenses approximately 38,400 Registered Nurses (RN), 4,000 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), 1,950 Nurse Practitioners, 400 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and 140 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS). The Board also actively certifies 18,267 Certified Nursing Assistants, 1,368 of which are also Certified Medication Aides.

The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$9,756,845 Other Funds with 44 positions totaling 41.75 full-time equivalent. This is a decrease of \$140,096 Other Funds from the essential budget level (EBL) or a 1.0 percent Other Funds decrease.

Package 070: Revenue Shortfalls, was approved by the Subcommittee with a reduction of \$540,517 Other Funds, eliminating one position (1.00 full-time equivalent). This package will allow the Board to make expenditure reductions necessary to adjust the essential budget level to available revenues.

Package 101: Independent Audit Positions, was not approved by the Subcommittee. This package was to add staffing in response to an external audit of the Investigations and Compliance Program and the Nurse Monitoring Program with General Fund financing from the Department of Human Services. These positions are established in Package 102 using an existing revenue source.

Package 102: Nursing Fee Increase, was approved, in the amount of \$996,000 Other Funds, adding three positions (3.00 full-time equivalent). These positions are in response to an external audit of the Investigations and Compliance Program and the Nurse Monitoring Program. This package will allow the Board to implement a \$20 fee increase for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to balance the agency's budget and provide an adequate ending balance. These fees will be raised administratively by the agency and will need to be ratified by the 2009 Legislature.

The Board's proposed 2% budget reduction of \$195,137 was not approved.

### **Summary of Performance Measure Action**

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