

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

MEASURE: SB 5540-A

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Starr**

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

Vote: 19 – 1 – 1

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

– Nays:

– Exc: Jenson

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

– Nays: Whitsett

– Exc:

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Meeting Date: 5/16/07

Agency

Teachers Standards and Practices Commission

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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 Change from Governor's Budget
	Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	Governor's Budget	Committee Recommendation	Difference from Governor's Budget	
Other Funds	\$ 4,255,660	\$ 4,592,868	\$ 4,591,040	\$ -1,828	-0.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	22	24	24	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	21.50	23.00	23.50	+0.50

(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. There were no revenue changes recommended.

Summary of Subcommittee Action

The mission of the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission is to ensure that every student in Oregon is taught by caring, competent and ethical educators.

The Commission has three primary statutory responsibilities or duties:

1. Establish rules and standards for licensure and charter school registration and issue licenses or registrations to public school teachers, administrators, school counselors, school psychologists and school nurses.
2. Maintain professional standards of competent and ethical performance and proper assignment of licensed educators.
3. Adopt standards for approval of college and university teacher education programs which lead to licensure and approve such programs which seek to license educators in the state of Oregon.

The Subcommittee commended the agency on improving their email and phone call responses, given the resources available. The Subcommittee encouraged the agency to find creative ways to deal with the spikes in licensure workload. They also noted that a simple change in records retention would be more efficient and save the agency money and encouraged the agency to discuss the issue with the Secretary of State. Finally, there was discussion about the limited work space for employees and the potential need to find more office space.

The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$4,591,040 Other Funds, an 11.8 percent increase from Essential Budget Level (EBL), and 23.50 full-time equivalent positions (FTE).

Package 100: Discipline, was approved in the amount of \$245,499 Other Funds and 2.00 FTE. This package allows the agency to add an investigator and office staff to meet the increased need and reduce the backlog of discipline cases. Given the steps the agency has taken to reduce Attorney General charges, the Subcommittee modified this package to include a \$23,000 reduction for those expenditures. The Subcommittee also reduced the Expendable Property line item by \$5,000. The positions were approved as limited duration.

Package 101: System support, was approved in the amount of \$139,670 Other Funds and 1.00 FTE. This package adds an Information Specialist 8 position to replace the need for contracted information services, and provides funding to complete normal replacement of personal computers in the office. The Subcommittee modified the package, making the position limited duration.

Package 102: Office support, was approved in the amount of \$100,661 Other Funds and 1.00 FTE. The package establishes a permanent full time position to replace the limited duration position that was approved during the 2005-07 biennium. The agency had inadvertently requested 0.50 FTE when they really needed 1.00 FTE to replace the current limited duration position. The Subcommittee modified the package to a full 1.00 FTE.

Package 060: Technical Adjustments: was approved, with no net cost. This package allows the agency to re-align expenditure accounts to better reflect true spending patterns within the budget. The following shifts were made:

Office Expenses	-\$4,000
Data Processing	-\$3,000
Publicity and publications	-\$2,000
Other Services & Supplies	-\$1,000
Facilities Rent	\$10,000

Summary of Performance Measure Action

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