

**75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2009 Regular Session
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

MEASURE: HB 5031

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. Kotek
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monnes Anderson**

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 14 – 5 – 3

- House – Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields
– Nays: Garrard, Gilman, Richardson
– Exc: Galizio, G. Smith
- Senate – Yeas: Bates, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Winters
– Nays: Girod, Whitsett
– Exc: Carter

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Meeting Date: April 24, 2009

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Budget Summary*

	2007-09 Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	2009-11 Essential Budget Level	2009-11 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2007-09 Leg. Approved	
				\$\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds	\$ 10,137,281	\$ 10,917,539	\$ 12,135,468	\$ +1,998,187	+19.7 %

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	44	44	50	6
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	41.75	41.75	47.75	6.00

(1) Includes adjustments through the December 2008 meeting of the Emergency Board

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

The Board of Nursing is supported solely by Other Fund revenues generated primarily from examination, licensing and renewal application fees charged to nurses and nursing assistants.

The Subcommittee approved a \$40.00 increase to the biennial license fees charged to nurses and a \$10.00 increase to the biennial renewal fee charged to certified nursing assistants in Package 101. These increases are expected to generate about \$2.4 million Other Funds and will allow the board to continue its efforts to enhance consumer protection.

At the approved spending level for 2009-11, the agency is expected to have an ending revenue balance of about \$2.1 million Other Funds, which is equivalent to about four months of operating costs.

Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action

The Board of Nursing protects the public's health, safety and well-being through the regulation of nursing practice and nursing education. It licenses approximately 43,000 Registered Nurses (RN), 4,000 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), 2,200 Nurse Practitioners, 440 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and 180 Clinical Nurse Specialists. The board also certifies 19,000 Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), 1,300 of which are also Certified Medication Aides (CMA).

The Subcommittee approved a budget for the Board of Nursing of \$12,135,468 Other Funds and 47.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The approved budget is a 20 percent increase from the 2007-09 Legislatively Approved Budget and an 11 percent increase from the 2009-11 Essential Budget Level. It continues four positions, establishes two new positions and provides funding for a licensing system upgrade.

The Subcommittee approved Package 101 to replace and upgrade the current licensing system at a cost of \$569,016 Other Funds. The first phase of the system allowed licensees to apply and pay for renewals online. The second phase of the system will allow for payment and application of new licenses online. In addition, this package will allow the board to upgrade its backup system, server equipment and the introduction of paperless board packets. The package will also establish one full-time limited-duration Information Services Specialist 6 (1.00 FTE) to provide technical support. The Department of Administrative Services Budget and Management Division is requested to unschedule \$200,000 of the package pending the board demonstrating the need and the time to fully implement the package.

Package 101 also includes fee increases to fund this package and Packages 102 and 103, as discussed above in the Revenue Summary.

Package 102 is approved at a cost of \$453,533 Other Funds and 4.00 FTE positions. These positions were established as limited-duration during the 2007-09 biennium to address workload needs. The Subcommittee established one full-time limited-duration Public Service Representative 3, one permanent full-time Compliance Specialist 1 and one permanent full-time Investigator 2 in the compliance and licensing department. It also established one limited-duration full-time Fiscal Analyst 1 position to provide additional support for analysis, payroll, procurement and facility management support.

Package 103 is approved at a cost of \$195,380 Other Funds. It will provide additional support for the Nursing Education programs. The program is responsible for approving, renewing and providing oversight for nursing education programs and nursing assistant programs. The program also implements the Certified Medication Aide testing process. New staffing ratios required by the Department of Human Services will put an emphasis on the establishment of new CNA/CMA programs to meet the increased needs. This package will establish one permanent full-time Compliance Specialist 1 (1.00 FTE) to provide the support for the program.

Summary of Performance Measure Action

See attached Legislatively Adopted 2009-11 Key Performance Measures form.