

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

MEASURE: SB 5508

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**Carrier – House: Rep. D. Edwards
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe**

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 19 – 1 – 2

House – Yeas: Buckley, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

– Nays:

– Exc: D. Edwards

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Johnson, Monroe, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

– Nays: Nelson

– Exc: Girod

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Meeting Date: April 3, 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	\$ 857,778	\$ 808,079	\$ 978,911	\$ 121,133	+14.1%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	5	4	5	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	3.5	3.00	4.00	+0.50

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

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

The Subcommittee, through Senate Bill 5509 (the agency's fee bill), ratified an increase to the application and licensure fees that were approved by the June 2008 Emergency Board and approved the establishment of a criminal background check fee. The intent of the fee increase was to fund public protection enhancements, including the establishment of a limited-duration Compliance Specialist 2 position. The intent of the criminal background fee establishment is for applicants to pay for the cost of this service, which is provided through Oregon State Police. Application fees will increase from \$100 to \$150. Initial license fees will increase from \$66 to \$130 and license renewals will increase from \$90 to \$130. Criminal background check fees will be \$50. The fee increase is expected to generate approximately \$240,000 in Other Fund revenues.

Summary of Education Subcommittee Action

The Subcommittee approved a budget for the Board of Clinical Social Workers of \$978,911 Other Funds and 4.00 full-time equivalent positions (FTE). This is a 14.1 percent increase from the 2007-09 Legislatively Approved Budget. The approved budget continues one limited-duration position and provides funding for expertise needed for contested cases.

The Subcommittee approved Package 101, which ratified fee increases as described above for continuing the limited-duration Compliance Specialist 2 position. Revenue generated beyond what is necessary to fund the position will go towards increased operating costs and strengthening the ending balance.

The Subcommittee approved Package 102 with the understanding that, if Senate Bill 177 becomes law, the Board will return to the Legislature for fee approval and increased limitation. Senate Bill 177 would give the Board greater authority over licensees. If Senate Bill 177 becomes law, the Board's intent is to establish additional fees and licensing categories to fund an Administrative Specialist 2 (0.25 FTE) to assist in program development and administer the new application and licensing process.

The Subcommittee approved Package 105 at a cost of \$11,600, which provides additional limitation to hire expert witnesses for contested case hearings and expert review of files, as well as to hire temporary workers as workload demands.

Summary of Performance Measure Action

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