

# **SB 102**

## **Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development**

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# **SB 102: THE NEED**

**Current fee structure doesn't reflect workload:**

- **Most staff time goes to lowest fee programs**
- **No additional fees for other review work**
- **Too much staffing goes to unfunded review tasks**
- **Unable to meet demand for technical assistance**

# SB 102: THE INTENT

- Current fee structure based solely on degree level.
- Proposed fee structure based on extent of review, oversight, and support
- New fees for change requests and faculty qualifications review

Type of Review	Current Fee	New Fee
Doctorate	\$5635	\$4000
Master's	\$4250	\$4000
Bachelor's	\$4250	\$4000
Associate's	\$2815	\$3000
Certificate/Diploma	\$1025	\$2000
Religious exemption review	cost/hour up to \$2125	flat fee \$1000
Limited review of out-of-state schools offering online degree programs with/without clinical placement:	\$250-\$500	\$1000
Review of mid-cycle program change requests	None	\$0-\$500
Review of mid-cycle faculty or senior staff qualifications	None	\$50-\$100

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## Single fee structure (by program):

- **Results in redundant review processes**
- **Inhibits use of contract evaluators**
- **Doesn't support ongoing oversight or requests for technical assistance**
- **Schools want more ongoing support from ODA**

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**Separating the review fee into two parts will:**

- **Reduce redundant review of institutional data**
- **Allow flexibility and efficiency in staff assignments**
- **Provide additional funding for ongoing oversight**
- **Support all different types of schools under oversight**
- **Allow ODA to keep pace with the workload demand**

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- Growth in workload doesn't match ODA staffing or fees
- Fees don't reflect scope and complexity of work

Type of program	2010		2013	
	Number of schools	Number of degree & non-degree programs	Number of schools	Number of degree & non-degree programs
Oregon campus/online degree and certificate programs	36	167	30	355
Out of State Online and/or Clinical Placement programs	60	76	147*	1649
Religious exempt programs	5	8	7	32
TOTALS:	<b>98</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2036</b>

*\*Please note: ODA has received applications to offer online degree programs from 552 out-of-state colleges, universities, and non-institutional providers.*

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**Increasing and restructuring fees will:**

- **Stabilize staffing and ensure long-term sustainability**
- **Support improvements and maintenance of ODA's application and data management system**
- **Support more efficiency in agency review processes**
- **Improve oversight of all approved institutions**
- **Provide a fair and balanced fee assessment model**
- **Stabilize fee revenues for better biennial budget planning**