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**To:** The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

**From:** Holly Mercer, Interim Director, Oregon Health Licensing Agency

**Date:** May 6, 2013

**Re:** **House Bill 2101B Engrossed – Standardization**

- This measure continues to streamline Oregon Health Licensing Agency (Agency) program standards, regulations and requirements.
- Amendments maximize benefits of uniformity in licensing cycles, fees, continuing education and administration among the Agency's professions, increasing efficient use of resources.
- The new provisions standardize authorization status for all Agency programs and define authorization, applying it uniformly throughout Agency statutes.
- The new provisions also consolidate all active, inactive, and expired renewals into Agency statutory authority. This will allow the Agency to carry out each program renewal process uniformly. The bill also consolidates program fee provisions into Agency statutes and allows the Agency to charge fees for dormant renewals and educational classes or training.
- A House Health Care Committee amendment revises ORS 694.065(2) to allow licensed audiologists to supervise hearing aid specialist trainees. The amendment stipulates that audiologists who supervise hearing aid specialist trainees must comply with hearing aid specialist statutes and administrative rules during supervision of trainees and be subject to sanctions for non-compliance of hearing aid specialist statutes and rules.
- The House Committee on Revenue amended the A-Engrossed bill to reiterate the agency's fiscal responsibility to establish fees that do not exceed the cost of administering the agency and the boards and councils within the agency, as specified in ORS 676.625(3).

**Support and Opposition:** The programs under the Agency support this legislative concept. There is no known opposition.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact.

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