



TO: WAYS & MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
FROM: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION OF OREGON
RE: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD 2013-2105 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon (OTAO) is a professional non-profit membership organization representing licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants in the state of Oregon.

OTAO supports the proposed budget of the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (OTLB).

The number of licensees regulated by OTLB continues to grow annually. The Board has instituted enhancements in its license application and verification processes and online licensing which has resulted in very timely license issuances. Our Association has appreciated the collaborative approach exercise by the Board in education and communications.

As the number of licensees has increased so has the investigative burden of OTLB. The interests of clients and the general public who rely on OTLB to regulate the professions must be adequately safeguarded. We believe that the Board's approach to complaints has led to both the timely resolution of those complaints and the appropriate discipline of licensees to protect the public.

In conclusion, we urge your support of the proposed budget of the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (OTLB).

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