

HB 5013

Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

HB 5013 is the budget bill for the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. The Board is responsible for the licensure and regulation of persons in Oregon who engage in the practice of counseling, and marriage and family therapy. The Board is financed entirely from Other Fund revenues derived almost exclusively from fees paid for professional licenses and examinations.

The budget recommended by the Subcommittee on Education totals \$1,519,084 Other Funds and 4.50 FTE. The budget includes an expenditure limitation to fund a half-time Office Specialist and a half-time Investigator to handle the increase in licensing applications and investigative workload. These positions are to be established as limited duration positions as the Board works with the Board of Psychologist Examiners towards a proposal for merging the staff of the two Boards by the 2017-19 biennium.

The Subcommittee recommends HB 5013 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.