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The Honorable Senator Rod Monroe, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Barbara Smith-Warner, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education
900 Court Street NE
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Salem, OR 97301-4048

RE: Answers to questions asked during the presentation of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission Budget Hearing (HB 5038)

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission respectfully requests that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education acknowledge receipt of answers to the following questions asked during the HB 5038 presentations on February 27 and February 28, 2017.

During the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission budget presentation, questions were posed to the Executive Director, Monica Beane, which required follow-up information. Responses to those questions are provided as follows:

1) How many licensed teachers are in charter schools?

There are 1,586 TSPC licensed teachers in public charter schools, which is equivalent to 86% of all teachers in public charter schools being licensed. Of the 109 charter schools, 39 charter schools are 100% staffed by licensed educators, while only three (3) charter schools meet the minimum requirement of 50% licensed educators.

Charter Schools	Percentage of Teachers Licensed	Percentage of Teachers Registered
39	100%	0%
12	90-99%	1-10%
29	80-89%	11-20%
17	70-79%	21-30%
7	31-40%	60-69%
2	41-49%	51-59%
3	50%	50%
Total 109	86%	14%



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2) *Why are so few nurses registered? What is your definition of public funds?*

As of 2015-16, there were 46 Registered Nurses holding a TSPC School Nurse Certificate employed in Oregon public schools; there were 218.72 (FTE) Total Nurses Employed in Oregon public schools. However, only 46 are classified as 'School Nurse' by position title. The remaining nurses employed by schools/districts are eligible to be paid with public funds, however, they are not to be classified as 'School Nurse' by position title.

School nursing services in Oregon public schools are provided by:

1) Registered nurses with TSPC School Nurse Certificates

- A "School Nurse" is defined as a Registered Nurse who is certified by TSPC as "qualified to conduct and coordinate the health service programs of a school."
- To qualify for a TSPC School Nurse Certification, a Registered Nurse must:
 - Complete 30 hours in school nursing coursework; or
 - Hold a National School Nurse Certification

2) Registered Nurses

- Oregon law provides that no school or school district is required to employ as a nurse a person certified with TSPC. [ORS 342.495]
- Oregon public schools hire many RNs, who do not hold TSPC school nurse certification, to provide school nursing services.

3) Licensed Practical Nurses

- Oregon public schools may hire Licensed Practical Nurses to provide nursing services.
- The LPN must work under the clinical direction of a Doctor, Dentist, or Registered Nurse.

3) *Did agency staff do any work or participate in discussions on paid sick leave and the impact in relationship to substitute teachers?*

TSPC staff did not participate in any official discussions regarding paid sick leave and the impact in relationship to substitute teachers. The TSPC scope of work is licensure, and does not specifically address employment with regard to benefits; only professional conduct. Our area of focus extended to the licensure of substitute teachers and the requirements of such.



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- 4) *What are the actual ending balances going back 10 years? And, what are the current estimates for 2017-2019 using both CSL and GRB for spending levels? Also, when and for how much was the agency swept?*

Ending Balances:

Biennium	Ending Balance	Sweep
2003-2005	\$1,122,554	\$0
2005-2007	\$1,754,415	\$0
2007-2009	\$1,895,701	\$0
2009-2011	\$1,355,996	\$346,000
2011-2013	\$1,075,468	\$0
2013-2015	\$1,188,581	\$0
2015-2017	\$744,407	--

Current Estimates for 2017-2019 Spending Levels:

The estimated Current Service Level (CSL) for 2017-2019 is \$2,152,463

The estimated Governor's Revised Budget (GRB) for 2017-2019 is \$754,863

- 5) *Is the proposed case management system a new system or something off the shelf?*

TSPC has explored 'off the shelf' products that would potentially meet the needs for a case management system. Unfortunately, no product currently exists that is comparable to what the agency needs, and that can be integrated to our existing e-licensing system. Therefore, TSPC would like to purchase a product and then build connections to our e-Licensing system so that it may be integrated into one system. For this purpose, it is being expressed as a 'hybrid' case management system. We are committed to working with our Strategic Technology Officer (STO) to determine the best solution to this need.

- 6) *What is TSPC doing to help veterans? Specifically, what are the rules around credit for prior work?*

TSPC has three areas of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) related to military service and educator licensure:

- a. Expedited processing service for military spouses;
 - b. Possible waiver of CTE education or experience requirements for military service;
- and



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- c. Recognition of the U.S. Department of Defense as a qualified U.S. jurisdiction for out-of-state educator licenses or certificates reciprocity.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these questions. Should additional clarification be necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to the next phase of the budget process.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Monica Beane, NBCT

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