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HB 2319

HB 2319 creates the Mental Health Regulatory Agency to provide for the administrative and regulatory oversight and centralized service for the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and the State Board of Psychologist Examiners under one joint Director. Each Board maintains its separate revenues and expenses through separate appropriations under one budget.

Beginning in October of 2013, the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists and the State Board of Psychologist Examiners (“Boards”) entered into an Interagency Agreement to establish a Pilot Project to share the same Executive Director and Management Analyst. The Boards agreed to cooperate and share resources but maintain their independence as health regulatory boards. The Pilot Project was renewed to continue for the 2015-2017 biennium. Much success has been achieved so far under this project, but there is significant potential to maximize efficiencies and better serve our customers through an established solution.

The Boards have evaluated the results of the Pilot Project and determined, with the support of the Governor’s Office and the Chief Financial Office, to bring the administration of the Boards under one agency. This will help to improve efficiencies, simplify accounting processes, and streamline operations for the Boards who are seeing an ever-increasing volume of licensees and investigations.