



**Education Subcommittee
Joint Ways & Means Committee
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**Testimony of Cassandra McLeod-Skinner, J.D.,
Executive Director, and
Franchesca Vermillion, D.C., OBCE President**

Governor's Budget – HB 5007

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) is an Other Funded agency responsible for the licensing and regulation of chiropractic physicians and certified chiropractic assistants. Our board consists of five chiropractic physicians and two public members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. We have 5.1 FTE staff (6 positions), including two Administrative Assistants (one at 1.0 FTE, one at .75 FTE), an Office Specialist (.75 FTE), an Investigator (1.0 FTE), a Health Care Investigator (.6 FTE), and Executive Director (1.0 FTE). Our assigned Assistant Attorney General is a critical part of our team.

Fees

Fees in effect since July 1, 2015:

DC Application	\$100
DC Regular Active	\$425
DC Senior License	\$315
DC Initial License	\$150
DC Inactive	\$225
Late Renewal Penalty	\$125 per week up to \$500
CA Application	\$50
CA Initial Certification	\$50
CA Renewal	\$75

We are not requesting any fee increases for the 2019-2021 cycle.

Licensee Overview

Licensee Types	9/1/16	1/1/17	1/1/18	1/1/19
DC - Active	1169	1189	1181	1218
DC - Inactive	295	290	292	264
DC - Senior	376	383	382	398



DC - Initial	77	73	90	85
DC Total	1917	1935	1945	1965
CA - Initial	116	271	299	282
CA - Renewing	1020	1041	1043	1017
CA Total	1136	1312	1342	1299
TOTAL	3053	3247	3287	3264

Complaint Overview

- Complaints opened per year:

NUMBER OF NEW COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN PREVIOUS YEARS		RECEIVED COMPLAINTS BY TYPE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
		Advertising	7	5	0	3	0	0	1
		Billing Issues	18	15	13	2	9	9	3
2002	75	Chart Notes	3	8	1	7	2	5	2
2003	92	Licensing/CE	12	11	8	6	13	13	15
2004	78	Miscellaneous*	18	12	12	6	6	10	
2005	96	Practice w/o License	11	3	5	3	1	6	6
2006	86	Records Release	3	4	3	2	2	7	4
2007	95	Sexual Misconduct/ Boundaries	7	14	4	0	6	8	3
2008	72	Treatment	27	11	10	15	7	8	16
2009	78	Treatment/Billing	15	28	11	2	1	3	2
2010	70	Unprofessional Conduct	22	14	15	9	23	10	14
2011	130	Total Complaints	143	125	84	55	70	79	73

*Miscellaneous for 2017 includes 2 failure to pay tax, 1 IME, 6 miscellaneous, and 1 excessive treatment complaints. Miscellaneous for 2018 includes 4 IME, 1 excessive treatment, and 2 miscellaneous complaints.

- Complaints resolved per year:

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
126	119	64	69	71	76

- Currently, we have 42 open cases involving 34 licensees and 4 unlicensed persons.
- 1 licensee is suspended and 1 is on probation.

Budget Requests

We are requesting approval of two policy option packages:

- POP 100 - Reclass Director to Approved HR Class.** \$36,680 Other Funds expenditure limitation increase to fund the DAS CHRO approved reclassification and compensation calculation for the Executive Director position, from PEM C to PEM D. Original request

to DAS' Central Evaluation Team was made in July 2017 and was approved as of August 1, 2017. This was the first time a class and compensation analysis was completed since 1990.

- **POP 101 – Implement Database Upgrades.** \$40,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation increase to fund replacement or improvement of Microsoft Access licensing database that has been in use since 1993. An updated, more user-friendly interface will increase staff efficiency in responding to public inquiries.

There was originally a third POP for an additional position, but we are not moving forward with that request at this time.

With approval of these POPs, we'll have an estimated ending cash balance for 2021 of \$281,995, approximately 3.0 months of operating expenditure in reserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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OBCE President



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