

Nursing Board

	2015-17 Actual	2017-19 Legislatively Adopted	2017-19 Legislatively Approved*	2019-21 Current Service Level	2019-21 Governor's Budget
Other Funds	15,351,050	16,595,366	16,847,478	17,888,645	19,301,776
Total Funds	\$15,351,050	\$16,595,366	\$16,847,478	\$17,888,645	\$19,301,776
Positions	49	49	49	49	54
FTE	48.49	48.90	48.90	48.90	53.90

*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2018

Program Description

The Board of Nursing protects the public's health and safety through the licensure and regulation of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists. The Board is supported entirely by Other Funds revenue generated primarily from examination, licensing and renewal fees charged to nurses and nursing assistants.

CSL Summary and Issues

The CSL budget is an increase of \$1,041,167, or 6.2%, over the 2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget. The ending fund balance for the 2019-21 CSL budget is projected to be \$9,806,967, or 13.5 months.

Policy Issues

The Board is seeking approval for additional limitation to cover the cost of 11 position reclassifications and five new positions. The increasing complexity of the Board's work, as well as a significant increase in volume, warrant the staffing changes.

The Board is also suffering from a lack of office space. They would like to increase their leased square footage to add a board/conference space to accommodate board meetings and trainings. They will repurpose the existing board room for badly-needed office space. The Board is requesting \$475,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation to expand and upgrade their facilities. Of this amount, \$400,000 would be one-time funds and \$75,000 would be ongoing.

The Oregon Center for Nursing is a non-profit organization that supports nursing workforce research. Senate Bill 72 (2015) imposed a \$9 surcharge on examination and renewal fees for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, the proceeds of which are transferred to the Oregon Center for Nursing. Originally, \$500,000 was budgeted to cover this transfer, however, the recent increase in the number of licensed nurses has generated monies in excess of the \$500,000 biennial budget limitation. The agency is requesting an increase in the expenditure limitation for this line item to \$700,000 to cover the full cost of the anticipated funds transfer in 2019-21.