

## Oregon State Board of Nursing

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved *	2021-23 Current Service Level	2021-23 Governor's Budget
Other Funds	16,500,862	19,719,954	20,326,025	21,022,293	20,321,598
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Positions	49	54	54	54	54
FTE	48.90	53.90	53.90	53.90	53.90

\* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through January 2021.

### Program Description

The Oregon State 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. There are approximately 74,000 registered and licensed practical nurses and 19,400 nursing assistants which is about a 6% increase since 2018.

### CSL Summary and Issues

The 2021-23 current service level (CSL) of \$21 million is \$696,268, or 3.4%, more than the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget. The increase is attributable to standard personal services growth and inflation for services and supplies expenditures. Personal services expenditures comprise 61% of the Board's budget, with services and supplies making up the 36% of expenditures, and special payments comprising 3%. The Board has 54 positions and 53.90 FTE. Five new positions were added in licensing, management, and public affairs in the 2019-21 budget.

The ending fund balance for the 2021-23 CSL budget is projected to be about \$7.2 million which provides approximately 8.4 months of operating reserves.

### Policy Issues

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. Proceeds from the surcharge are deposited into the Oregon Nursing Advancement Fund (NAF) and transferred to the Oregon Center for Nursing. Originally, \$500,000 was budgeted to cover the Special Payment from the Oregon State Board of Nursing to the NAF. An increase in the number of licensed nurses generated monies in excess of the original \$500,000 biennial budget limitation and this expenditure limitation was increased to \$700,000 in the 2019-2021 budget. The agency also received \$400,000 on a one-time basis and \$75,000 on an ongoing basis to increase office space during in the 2019-21 biennium.

### Other Significant Issues and Background

The Board approved measures to accelerate emergency authorizations for nurses licensed in other states to come to Oregon to assist with the COVID-19 response. The Board reports that while the emergency measure was successful in bringing in over 200 nurses, the lack of background checks and verification of education was a concern.

Also related to the pandemic, the Board has worked with universities and other nursing programs to change their operating model to ensure social distancing and other safety precautions. These changes required the education programs, those with current virtual simulation and those with some simulation, to move their entire clinical practicum to an online simulation.

The Governor's Budget for the Oregon State Board of Nursing is \$20.3 million total funds. This is about the same (.02% decrease) from the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget and a decrease of \$700,695, or 2.4%, from the 2021-23 CSL. The budget includes 54 positions (53.90 FTE), which represents no change from the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget. The Governor's Budget reduction from CSL is due to statewide adjustments in DAS assessments and Attorney General adjustments, elimination of services and supplies inflation, and personal services adjustments and Microsoft 365 consolidation.

### Key Performance Measures

A copy of the OSBN Annual Performance Progress Report can be found on the LFO website.

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR\\_OSBN\\_2020-07-27.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_OSBN_2020-07-27.pdf)