



# Oregon

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Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Tawna Sanchez  
Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Co-Chairs

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez:

Attached please find the requested 5% budget reduction forms from our Board, which is a fee-only agency. The Board's statutory purpose:

**681.220 Policy.** It is declared to be a policy of this state that it is necessary to provide regulatory authority over persons offering speech-language pathology and audiology services to the public in order to:

- (1) Safeguard the public health, safety and welfare;
- (2) Protect the public from being misled by incompetent, unscrupulous and unauthorized persons;
- (3) Protect the public from unprofessional conduct by qualified speech-language pathologists and audiologists; and
- (4) Help ensure the availability of the highest possible quality speech-language pathology and audiology services to people of this state who have communication disabilities. [Formerly 694.315; 1989 c.224 §134; 1995 c.280 §2; 2005 c.698 §2; 2007 c.70 §307]

The Board has not added any programs or services since its inception in 1973. The Board has conservatively managed its fund balance during my 11-year tenure and has only increased fees once during that time frame.

The 2.5% highest priority cuts would be to out-of-state travel, in-state travel, government, data, and Attorney General legal charge. The second 2.5% cut would all be to Attorney General legal charge. Those were unusually high during FY 25 due to the Board needing two attorneys for a few months in order to catch up with a disciplinary backlog. Although these cuts would set the Board back and more at risk if a big, costly case arises, this plan would avoid cuts to Personal Services, which would result in slower licensing and the development of a significant case investigation and disciplinary backlog.

Please contact me directly if you have questions at [erin.haag@bspa.oregon.gov](mailto:erin.haag@bspa.oregon.gov).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology (BSPA)																
2025-27 Biennium																
2025-27 LAB				-	-	1,349,603	-	-	-	1,349,603						
Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Priority (ranked most to least preferred)	Agency	SCR or Activity Initials	Program Unit/Activity Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Gov. Reduction Target Yes / No	One-Time Yes / No	Describe the reduction and associated impact on services and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds reductions.	
Dept	Prgm/ Div															
		BSPA		General S & S 2.5%			34,000				\$ 34,000					This would cut all out of state travel to the national meeting with other state boards, most in-state travel which can limit tools for the investigator and compliance conducted by executive director at schools and clinics. Also reduces government and data charges and some attorney general charges. The board is already taking steps to significantly reduce legal fees, as the AY25 biennium was an anomaly due to catching up a backlog.
		BSPA		General S & S 2.5%			34,000				\$ 34,000					As stated above, legal fees are likely over-budgeted due to the board catching up on a disciplinary backlog. There are several ways the board may reduce legal fees such as not having counsel attend the public sessions.
TOTAL				-	-	68,000	-	-	-	\$ 68,000	0	0.00				
Target (5%)				-	-	67,480										
Difference				-	-	520										