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The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez Co-Chair
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez,

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) is submitting 5% reduction options for the 2025-2027 biennium. The Oregon State Board of Nursing is the agency that regulates the practice of nurses and nursing assistants to protect the public. It sets standards for nursing practice, guidelines for education programs, and minimum competency levels for entry into the professions it regulates. OSBN also imposes discipline upon licensees who violate the nurse practice act.

Agency Reduction Action:

The Board of Nursing operates on a lean program budget with majority of agency expenses being in our Personal Services category for agency staff. OSBN reduction costs in our Supplies and Services category are minimal. Most S&S expenditures are directly for agency operation costs in order to run agency. Agency would need to cut both operations and personal services expenditures in order to obtain the 5% reduction. Reductions of this nature would greatly impact the agency's current operations. Expenditure cuts would affect agency ability to offer alternative to discipline program to nurses, affect agency ability for state licensing due to staff cuts, affect internal staff operations, and disruption of future agency program updates.

I appreciate your consideration and am available to take any questions.

Sincerely,

OSBN Executive Director Rachel Prusak, MSN, APRN, FNP-C (she/her)

2025-27 Biennium

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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.	
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1		85100	85100-00	Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP)			500,000				\$ 500,000					Since the Board of Nursing successfully transferred all Nurse Monitoring Program participants to HPSP in July 2010, the number of participants has steadily declined. The number of participants as of July 25, 2025, is 8.
1				Services and Supplies category cuts			150,000				\$ 150,000					Savings in IT Professional Services, Office Expenses, and other S&S categories
2				Admin Specialist 1			164,961				\$ 164,961	1	1.00			Agency Staff cuts (position currently open)
2				Accounting Technician			227,329				\$ 227,329	1	1.00			Agency Staff cuts (position currently open)
3				Office Specialist 1			181,908				\$ 181,908	1	1.00			Agency Staff cuts
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Target (5%)	-	-	1,548,595
Difference	-	-	20,660

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Agency	SCR	Program Establishment / Expansion			Program Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Implementation Status
		Biennium	Effective Date	Authorization											
85100		21-23	Apr-22	HB 4003	Oregon Wellness Program			500,000				\$ 500,000	0	0.00	Distribution to Non-profit organization, implemented on effective date.
85100		23-25	1-Jul-23	SB 5523	Reopening of agency call center after pandemic closure			333,864				\$ 333,864	2	2.00	Reopened agency call center that was closed during Covid-19 pandemic. Needed additional staff in order to keep up with licensing demand and reopen call center in Licensing department. Implemented on effective date.
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				TOTAL		-	-	833,864	-	-	-	\$ 833,864	2	2.00	

Column (5) - Authorization should identify the source of the new program or program expansion, which could include enabling legislation, approved policy option package, or administrative establishment.

Column (16) - Current status of program implementation should be summarized, including any future budget requests anticipated upon full program implementation.