
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Review of the Semi-Independent Agency Reports
Follow-up to Subcommittee Questions

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) would like to follow-up on two questions from the February 8th subcommittee work session on the LFO report on the Semi-Independent Agencies.

- 1) Are the 12 semi-independent agencies required to report to LFO on delinquent accounts?
 - a. Yes, ORS 293.229 was amended through SB 55 (2015) to add the 12 semi-independent agencies to the reporting requirements for delinquent accounts. The 2016 LFO report on delinquent accounts will provide more detail on the number and amount of delinquent accounts. The report is currently in progress, and upon completion, Legislators will be notified and it will be posted on LFO's website.
- 2) Are there any ending fund balances that seemed disproportionate to the agencies respective operational and cash flow needs?
 - a. LFO found a few agencies had projected ending fund balances larger than characteristic of a normal licensing board, however those agencies typically retain larger ending balances than a standard agency, due to uniqueness and variability of cash flow needs. Additionally, each of the boards reported that they were taking measures to reduce the ending balance by absorbing costs or reducing fees.
 - b. LFO also found three agencies with ending fund balances less than typically required due to the reliance on grant funding or donations.

Please let us know if you would like additional information.