
MEMORANDUM

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To: Education Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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Subject: Health Related Occupational Licensing Boards follow-up

LFO would like to follow-up on a request for information from the February 14th subcommittee public hearing on the Health Related Occupational Licensing Boards budgets.

On February 14th, the subcommittee requested information from the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board on the following:

- 1) What changed with Board staff and/or procedures to improve the KPM numbers on inspections and complaint investigations from the 2013-15 to 2015-17 biennia?
 - a. During the 13-15 biennium, concurrent with some staffing changes, the board completed an end to end review of the investigation and inspection processes and enacted several changes to improve and streamline both processes. For investigations, additional contract staff was retained during that biennium to address a case backlog, which was resolved during that biennium, and we have maintained our performance since then. For inspections, through process improvements and some use of contract staff, we were able to close the performance gap in 16-17. In the 15-17 budget, we repurposed an existing 0.71 FTE via a policy package that reclassified and increased the position to full time. The new position supports document inspections at 0.5 FTE. The other 0.5 of the position supports the Indigent Disposition Program. This position was filled in Oct 2016. Not reflected in the 2016 KPM numbers is the fact that OMCB did complete 100% of the physical facility inspections, but only 79% of the document inspections from those facilities, and all those from cemeteries.

- 2) What is the square footage rate for rent at the Portland State Office Building?
 - a. \$1.45/sqft

- 3) Please provide data on cemetery ownership (historic/non-profit/corporate)?
 - a. The rise of corporate ownership in death care thus far has been on the funeral side and less so on the cemetery side. Most corporately own cemeteries tend to be located in or near the larger cities in the various parts of the State. The current ratio of cemeteries is as follows:

- For Profit: 11%
- Non-Profit: 70%
- Other: 19% (i.e. municipal, religious, special district, etc.)

4) Please provide more information on historic cemeteries?

- a. Historic designation is assigned and managed by the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, which functions within the Oregon Department of Parks & Recreation. In order to be considered a historic cemetery under state law, the cemetery must have at least one burial of a person who died before February 14, 1909 and be listed with Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. The majority of historic cemeteries are not currently operating and therefore not licensed by OMCB. Information on the OHCC services, grants and a listing of historic cemeteries is available on their website at <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/OCHC/Pages/index.aspx>
- b. Additionally, a number of the subcommittee members showed an interest in the annual Historic Cemeteries Grant. Here is the website link that provides additional information:

[http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#Historic Cemetery Grant Program](http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/FINASST/Pages/grants.aspx#Historic_Cemetery_Grant_Program)

It looks like the application deadline for 2017 is May 2, 2017, so there is still plenty of time for cemeteries to apply.

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Additionally, the subcommittee requested a licensee count by type from the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

License Type	Active	Inactive	Total
Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)	1,931	71	2,002
Audiologist (AUD)	313	7	320
SLP Assistant	291	27	318
SLP/AUD	9	1	10
Conditional	111	0	111
Provisional	6	0	6
Temporary	1	0	1
Limited	1	0	1
Probationary	0	0	0
Total Licensees	2,663	106	2,769

This information has also been posted to the Oregon Legislative Information System in the meeting materials for February 14th.

Please let me know if you would like additional information.