

Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board (OVMEB)

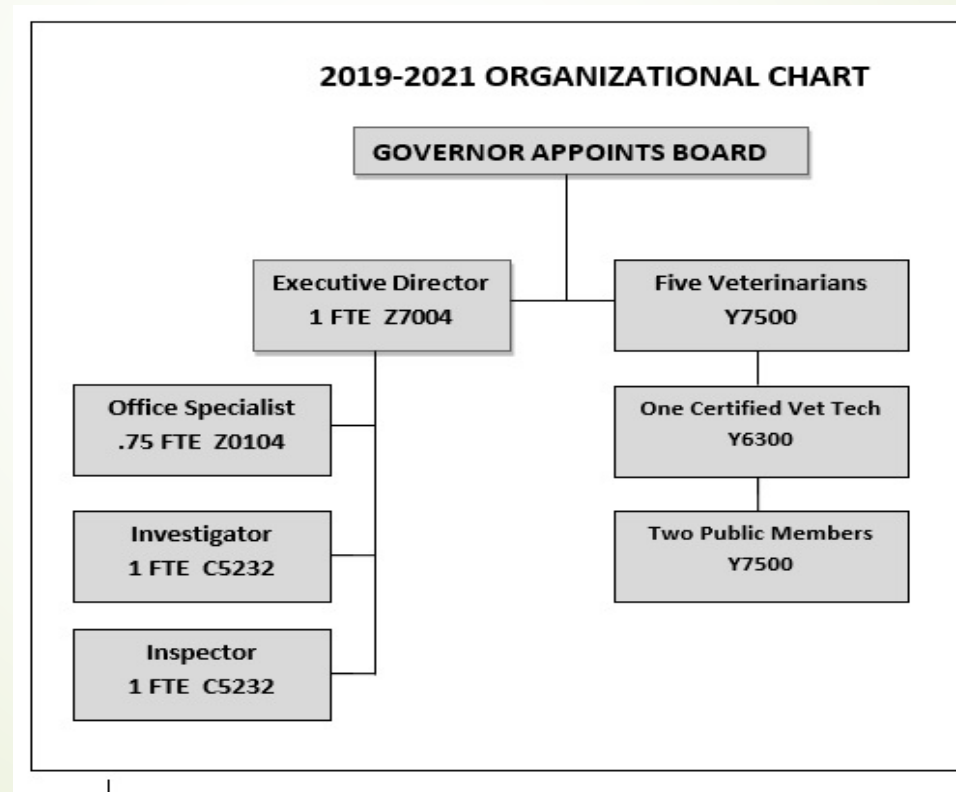


Education Subcommittee of Joint Ways & Means Committee
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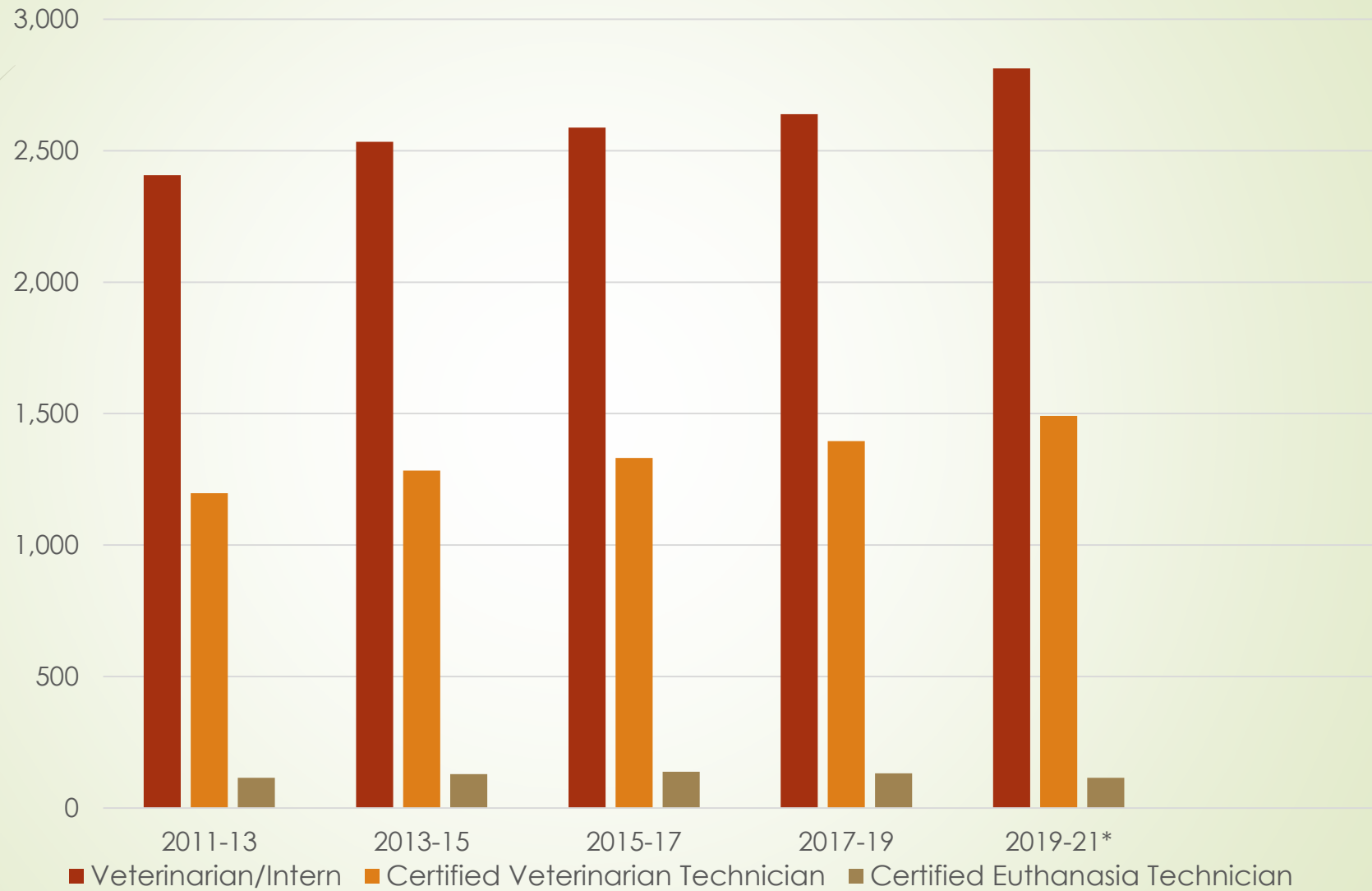
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Mission

To protect animal health and welfare, public health, and consumers or veterinary services.



Licensee Overview





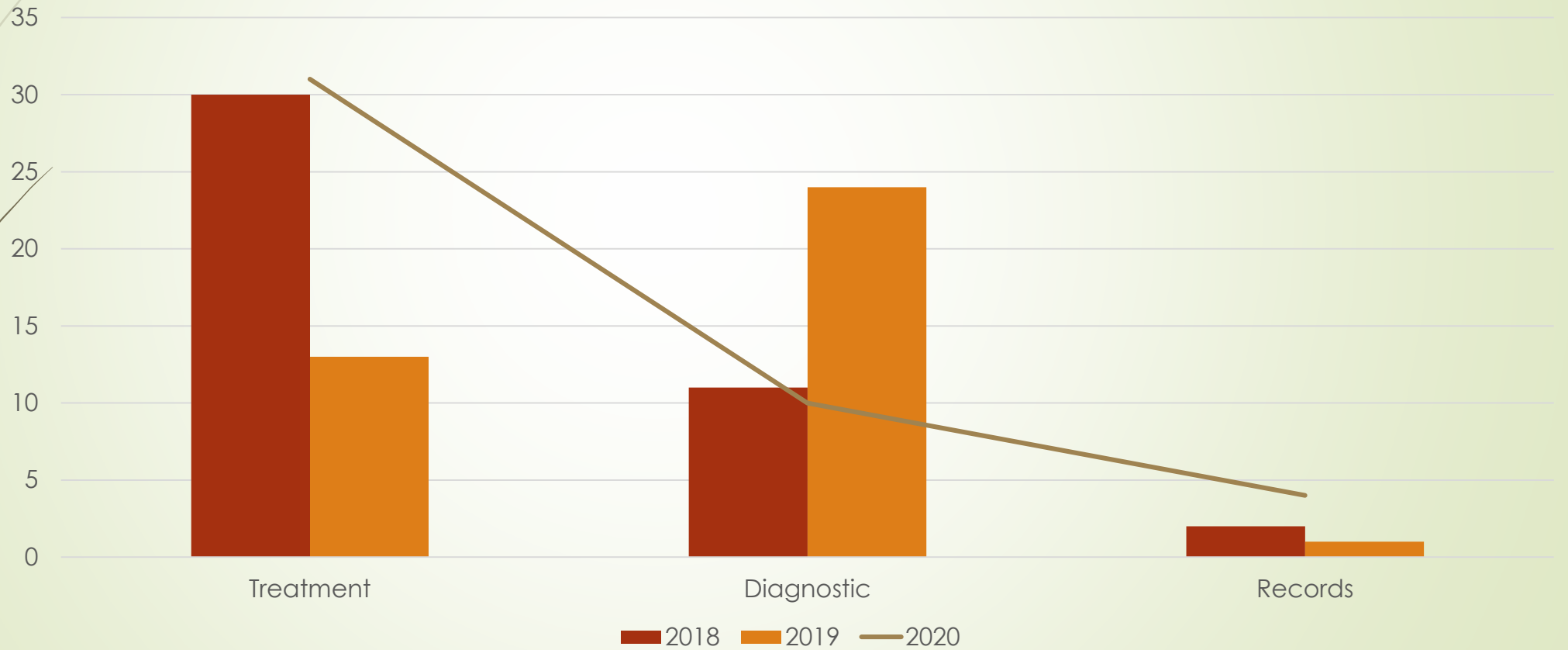
Licensee Geographical Demographics

Veterinarians: 44% practice within tri-counties (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington Counties); 31% practice in secondary urban counties (Benton, Deschutes, Jackson, Lane, Marion); 25% practice in remaining outlying, rural, counties.

Vet Interns: 56.6% practice within tri-county area; 20% practice within secondary urban counties; 23.4% practice within rural counties.

Certified Vet Techs: 52.4% practice within tri-county area; 25% practice within secondary urban counties; 22.6% practice within rural counties.

Complaint Overview





Licensing Fees

Fees	
Vet facility fee	\$150
Vet tech late fee	\$25
Vet reactivation fee	\$150*
Vet late fee	\$100
Vet license renewal (inactive)	\$100*
Vet license renewal (active)	\$150*
Vet initial	\$150
Vet intern permit	\$150
Vet app fee	\$75
CET renewal	\$10*
CET initial	\$25
CVT renewal	\$35*
CVT initial	\$35

Facility Inspections

Inspection Type	As of 1/25/2019	As of 2/2/2021
Mobile Units	30	116
House Call only Facilities	1	17
Wild Life Foundation/ Biologic Diagnostics / Surgical Consulting Only	2	3
AAHA Certified	60	73
Physical Inspections Completed	132	373
Due for Inspection	441	71
Total Facilities	666	653
Inspection Completion Rate	34%	89%
Inspection Backlog Rate	66%	11%



Key Performance Measures (KPMs)

- ▶ **KPM #2: Public Protection - Percent of decisions not contested, appealed, and/or upheld on appeal.**
 - ▶ OVMEB has met this 95% target every year but the measure's current wording may lead to general, unanticipated abuses and results counter to public protection: possible fostering of reluctance to move forward with discipline or litigation on cases that warrant such action; closing cases prematurely or before board review; or settling cases that should be more fully adjudicated.
- ▶ **KPM #4: Best Practices – Percent of best practices met by the Board.**
 - ▶ OVMEB has not reported any data for this KPM in 3 of the last 5 reporting years. There appears to be insufficient information for this KPM to be measured accurately and is not consistent with board/agency practice nor with the legislatively mandated reporting requirements using the Best Practices Self-Assessment Guidance form.

Secretary of State Audit (Nov. 2019)

Findings	Recommendations	Board Action Taken
Facility inspections didn't include verification that federal DEA requirements for controlled substances were being followed.	Board action to ensure administrative rules allow for inspections of facilities to monitor controlled substances.	Rules were adopted May 18, 2020, to allow such inspections and closely mirrors Board of Pharmacy rules.
Agency did not conduct background checks on new or renewing licensees, despite 2014 board resolution to do so, in contrast with other agencies.	Complete implementation of administrative rules and begin conducting background checks.	Rules adopted Oct. 28, 2019, and background checks of new and renewing licensees commenced Jan. 1, 2020.
Veterinarians are exempt from participating in Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).	Work with OHA and the legislature to require participation in PDMP.	No action has been taken.



COVID Response

- ▶ 2021 renewal fees waived for DVMs (active and inactive), CVTs, and CETs.
- ▶ Board allowed renewal deadline to be postponed from Dec. 31 to Jan. 31, 2021.
- ▶ Temporary rule on abiding by Executive Orders and guidance with regard to emergency declarations was implemented in Aug. 2020 and will lapse Feb. 12, 2021. Board is in rulemaking on a similar, permanent, rule.
- ▶ Telemedicine rule was implemented February, 2020.
- ▶ Regular and repeated communications to licensees about COVID guidelines, vaccinations, and referrals to resources made.