

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5524

Health Related Licensing Boards

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Education Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Ruiz

SB 5524 is the budget bill for the Health Related Licensing Boards.

The Health Related Licensing Boards are six independent boards that share certain resources and are combined into one agency for budgetary reporting. However, each board operates independently and has a separate expenditure limitation that is approved by the Legislature. The boards are funded solely by Other Funds revenue, largely from licensing and application fees.

The recommended budget for all six boards totals \$10,631,058 Other Funds and 24 positions, which includes 23.50 FTE.

The budgets for the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, and the Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology include small adjustments to rent costs, due to adjustments to shared office space.

The budget for the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine includes a decrease due to changes in office space, as well as a variety of other reductions that total \$108,348 Other Funds. These reductions are intended to help increase the

Board's operating reserves; however, the Board will need to increase fees next year in order to sustain existing operations.

The recommended budget for the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging increases an existing part-time investigator position to full-time and reclassifies the position.

The recommended budget for the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board includes a 50% licensing fee increase. This is the Board's first fee increase in over 10 years. This budget also includes a small decrease in Other Funds expenditure limitation due to changed rent costs.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 5524 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.