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Governor

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The Honorable Peter Courtney
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dave Hunt
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear President Courtney and Speaker Hunt:

On May 15th, I delivered a speech outlining some of my thoughts about the appropriate State government response to the current economic crisis. As you are aware, among the ideas I proposed was temporary suspension of numerous state boards and commissions and consolidation of many state agencies. As I stated in my speech, in times such as these, we must accept that state government can no longer be all things to all people. As we make difficult decisions about state budgets, I feel that it is important to consider all options available for reducing state government – even those that do not necessarily save general funds.

Attached is a broad list of suggestions for elimination, suspension and consolidation of boards, commissions and agencies for the Legislature's consideration. I anticipate that the Legislature will want to take action in a thoughtful and methodical manner, and I stand ready to assist in that process. You may want to consider some of these suggestions for further study during the interim for implementation at the February 2010 session or during the regular session in January 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore R. Kulongoski", written over a large, stylized flourish.

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Suggestions for Elimination

1. Charitable Checkoff Commission (ORS 305.695)
2. Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission for Multnomah County (ORS 294.610) - Senate Bill 748 would get rid of this board.
3. Wage and Hour Commission (ORS 653.505) No current members.
4. Community Development Incentive Advisory Board (ORS 458.710)
5. Economy, Governor's Council on Oregon's (ORS 284.540)
6. Employee Suggestion Awards Commission (ORS 182.320)
7. Fire Service Policy Council (ORS 476.680)
8. Health Care Interpreters, Oregon Council on (ORS 409.619)
9. Historic Assessment Review Committee (ORS 358.511)
10. JOBS Plus Advisory Board (ORS 411.886)
11. Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (ORS 417.845)
12. Korean Day Commission (ORS 187.215)
13. Licensed Dietitians, Board of (ORS 691.485)
14. Oregon Opportunity Program Task Force (ORS 353.563)
15. Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council (set to sunset this year)
16. Public Officials Compensation Commission (ORS 292.907)
17. School for the Blind, Board of Directors of the (ORS 346.097) and School for the Blind (ORS 346.097)– currently housed in Dept. of Education. *This is not the same as Commission for the Blind.*
18. School Safety Board of Directors, Center for (ORS 339.333)

Suggestions for Suspension

1. Advocacy Commissions, Office of, which includes
 - a. Asian Affairs (ORS 185.610)
 - b. Black Affairs (ORS 185.420)
 - c. Hispanic Affairs (ORS 185.320)
 - d. Women (ORS 185.520)
 - e. *Korean Day Commission cited above could be included here.*
2. Blind, Commission for the (ORS 346.130)
3. Consumer Advisory Council (ORS 180.520)
4. Cosmetology, Board of (ORS 690.155)
5. Hearing Aids, Advisory Council on (ORS 694.165)
6. Massage Therapists, State Board of (ORS 687.115) – *semi-independent*
7. New Acquisitions – Dept. of Parks and Recreation
8. Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (ORS 675.310)
9. Oregon State Fair – Dept. of Parks and Recreation
10. Athletic Commission - Oregon State Police
11. Various Programs within the Department of Higher Education:

Dispute Resolution Programs at PSU and UO
Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
Natural Resources Institute
The Bach Festival
Museum of Art
Rural Access Program
Rural Oregon Institute
Population Research Center
Leadership Institute
Jefferson Public Radio at SOU
Small Business Development Center Programs at EOU and SOU

Suggestions for Consolidation

- 1. Accountancy Board (ORS 673.410) into the Dept. of Consumer and Business Services**
- 2. Architect Examiners, State Board of (ORS 671.120), Engineering and Land Surveying, Oregon Board of (ORS 672.240), Landscape Architects (ORS 671.459) and Landscape Contractors (ORS 671.630) into Building Codes Division – all four are semi-independents**
- 3. Arts Commission, Oregon (ORS 359.020) –into the Cultural Development Trust (ORS 359.410)**
- 4. Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee (ORS 475A.155) –into Criminal Justice Commission (ORS 137.654)**
- 5. Aviation, State Board of (ORS 835.102) – into ODOT.**
- 6. Construction Contractors Board (ORS 701.205) into the Dept. of Consumer and Business Services**
- 7. Employment Relations Board (ORS 240.060) into the Bureau of Labor and Industries**
- 8. Geologist Examiners, State Board of (ORS 672.615) into Dept of Geology and Mineral Industries (ORS 516.080)**
- 9. Geology and Mineral Industries, Department (ORS 516.020) mapping and geologic functions could consolidate into OSU, regulation of surface mining into DSL or DLC**
- 10. Law Enforcement Medal of Honor (ORS 176.262) into DPSST**
- 11. Liquor Control Commission, Oregon (ORS 471.705) – there are many levels of control that could be explored while still retaining revenues; Oregon is a very controlled state in comparison with other U.S. states.**
- 12. Marine Board, State (ORS 830.105) Registration functions to ODOT DMV, water patrol to OSP, waterway management to Dept. of Parks and Rec.**
- 13. Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, State Board of (ORS 144.005 and 144.015) Could be consolidated into DOC.**
- 14. Progress Board, Oregon (ORS 285A.153) Move to Higher Education System.**
- 15. Real Estate Board (ORS 696.405) and the semi-independent Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (ORS 674.305) into DCBS.**
- 16. Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (ORS 496.460) –Move to ODFW.**

17. **Student Assistance Commission, Oregon (ORS 348.510) – into OUS system**
18. **Tax Practitioners, State Board of (ORS 673.725) – into Accountancy Board (ORS 673.410)**
19. **Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (ORS 342.350) into the Department of Education**
20. **Utility Notification Center Board of Directors (ORS 757.547) into PUC (ORS 756.014)**
21. **Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (ORS 686.210) into Dept. of Agriculture**

Consolidation of Health Related Licensing Boards

- o **Chiropractors Examiners, State Board of (ORS 684.130)**
- o **Clinical Social Workers, State Board of (ORS 675.590)**
- o **Counselors and Therapists, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional (ORS 675.775)**
- o **Dentistry, Oregon Board of (ORS 679.230)**
- o **Health Licensing Agency**
- o **Mortuary and Cemetery Board, State (ORS 692.300)**
- o **Naturopathic Examiners, Board of (ORS 685.160)**
- o **Nursing, Oregon State Board of (ORS 678.140)**
- o **Optometry, Oregon Board of (ORS 683.250) – *semi-independent***
- o **Pharmacy, State Board of (ORS 689.115)**
- o **Psychologist Examiners, State Board of (ORS 675.100)**
- o **Physical Therapist Licensing Board (ORS 688.160) – *semi-independent***
- o **Radiologic Technology, Board of (ORS 688.545)**
- o **Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners for (ORS 681.400)**

Consider review of consolidation of Natural Resource Agencies