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WHO: Health Licensing Office
Environmental Health Registration Board

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. – June 26, 2015
*Meeting will be a teleconference

WHERE: Health Licensing Office
Rhoades Conference Room
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320
Salem, Oregon

What is the purpose of the meeting?

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct board business. Go to <http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/EHS/Pages/Meetings2.aspx> for current meeting information.

May the public attend the meeting?

Members of the public and interested parties are invited to attend all board/council meetings. All audience members are asked to sign in on the attendance roster before the meeting. Public and interested parties' feedback will be heard during that part of the meeting.

May the public attend a teleconference meeting?

Members of the public and interested parties may attend a teleconference board meeting **in person** at the Health Licensing Office at 700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320, Salem, OR. All audience members are asked to sign in on the attendance roster before the meeting. Public and interested parties' feedback will be heard during that part of the meeting.

What if the board/council enters into executive session?

Prior to entering into executive session the board/council chairperson will announce the nature of and the authority for holding executive session, at which time all audience members are asked to leave the room with the exception of news media and designated staff. Executive session would be held according to ORS 192.660.

No final actions or final decisions will be made in executive session. The board/council will return to open session before taking any final action or making any final decisions.

Who do I contact if I have questions or need special accommodations?

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting. For questions or requests contact a board specialist at (503) 373-2049.

Items for Board Action

Approval of the Agenda



Health Licensing Office
Environmental Health Registration Board



9:30 a.m., June 26, 2015
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320
Salem, Oregon

***This meeting will be a teleconference**

Call to order

1. **Items for board action**
 - ◆ Approval of agenda
2. **Public Health Division presentation: Modernizing Oregon's Public Health System**
3. **Items for board action II**
 - ◆ Approval of the minutes for Feb. 27, 2015, and April 7, 2015
4. **Reports**
 - ◆ Director's report
Legislative update
 - ◆ Licensing and fiscal report
 - ◆ Regulatory
5. **Public and interested parties' feedback**
6. **Policy**
 - ◆ Rulemaking report
7. **Item for board action III**
 - ◆ Vote on permanent administrative rules
8. **Other board business**

Agenda is subject to change. For the most up to date information visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA

Presentation

Modernizing Oregon's Public Health System

*Findings from the Future of Public Health
Task Force*

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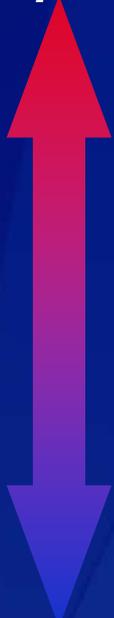
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Current Situation for Public Health in Oregon

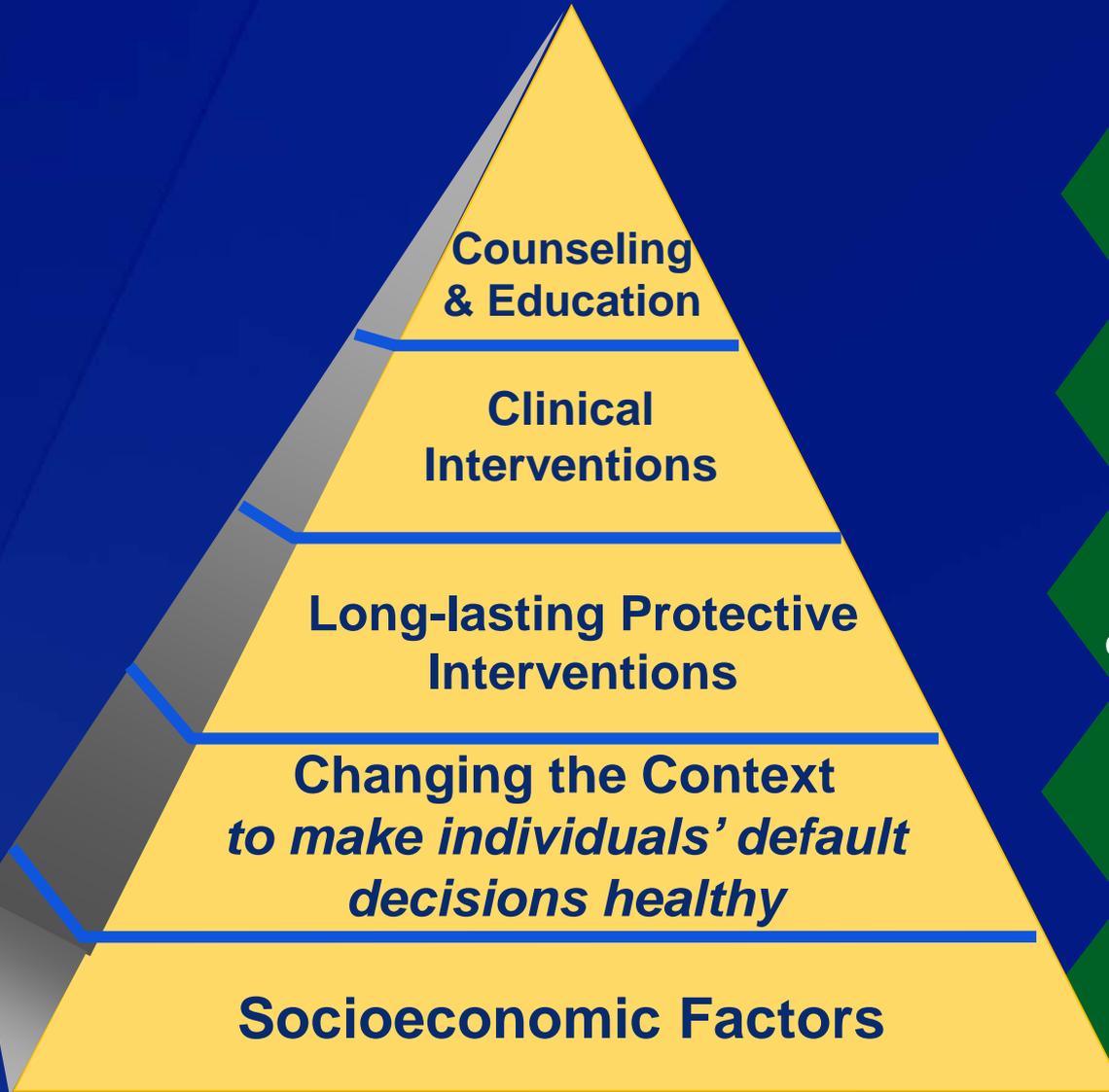
- Large disparity in level of county funding resulting in limited capacity in many areas
- A focus on individual service delivery at the cost of providing community wide interventions
- Reliance on Federal categorical funding which dictates what programs need to be provided, regardless of community need
- Limited state funding for core public health capacities and programs

Factors that Affect Health

**Smallest
Impact**



**Largest
Impact**



Examples

Advice to eat healthy,
be physically active

Rx for high blood
pressure, high
cholesterol, diabetes

Immunizations, brief
intervention, smoking
cessation, colonoscopy

Fluoridation, 0g trans
fat, iodization, smoke-
free, cigarette tax

Poverty, education,
housing, inequality

Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services:

HB 2348 (2013)

Focused on recommendations that:

- Create a public health system for the future
- Consider the creation of regional structures
- Enhance efficiency and effectiveness
- Allow for appropriate partnerships with regional health care service providers and community organizations
- Consider cultural and historical appropriateness
- Are supported by best practices

HB 2348 (2013): Task Force Report
Future of Public Health Services

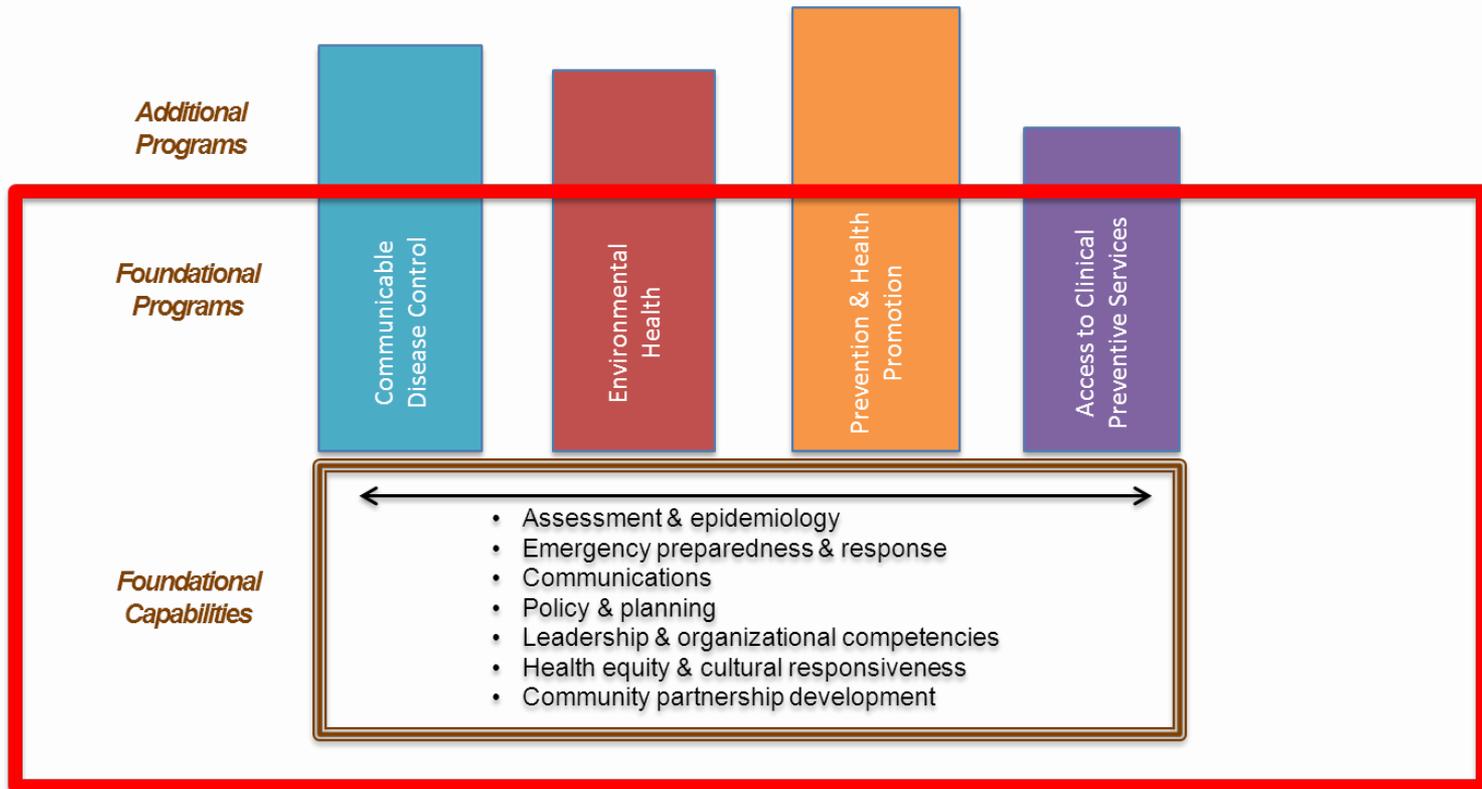
Modernizing Oregon's Public Health System

Executive Summary

September 2014

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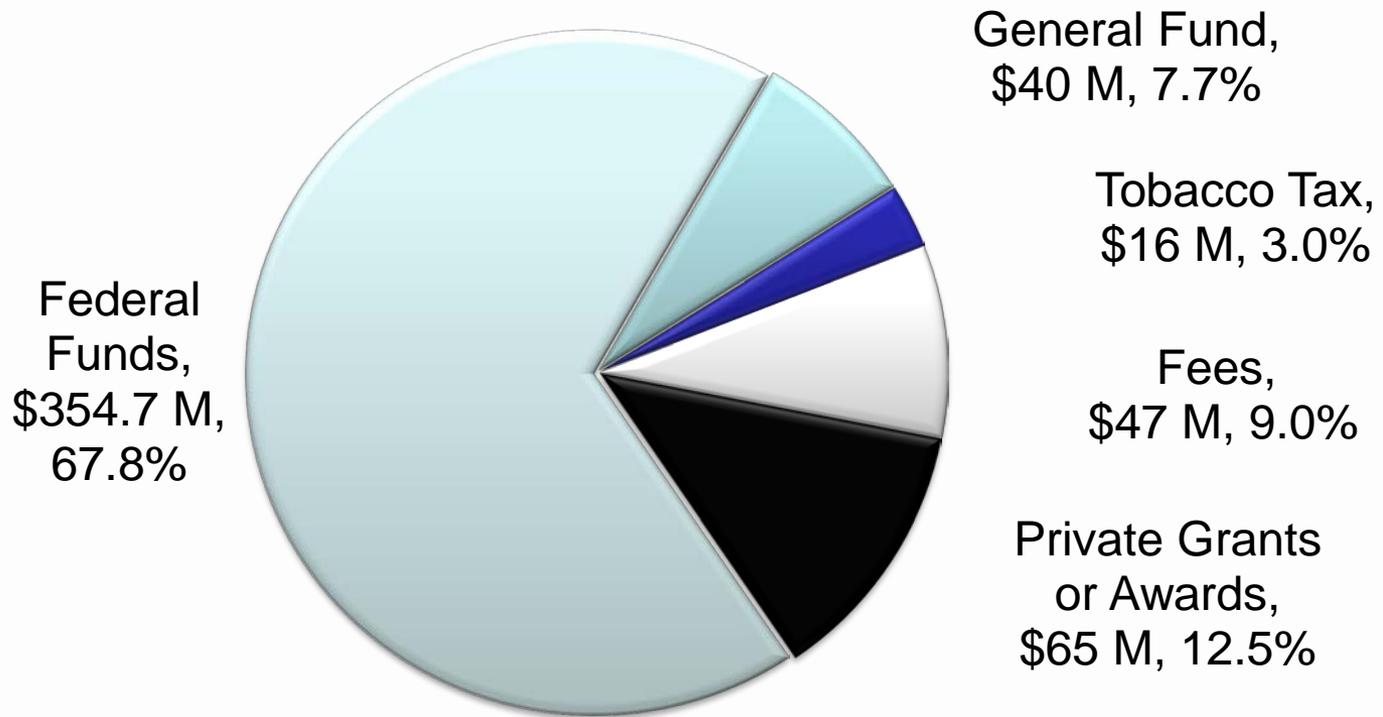
Conceptual Framework for Governmental Public Health Services



□ = Present @ every Health Dept.

State Public Health Budget by Fund Type

Total budget \$523,079,350



State Investment in Public Health: Per Capita State Investment in Public Health

State Public Health Budgets			
State	FY 2011-2012	FY 11-12 Per Capita	Per Capita Ranking
Hawaii ²	\$215,793,131	\$154.99	1
D. C.	\$65,927,000	\$104.26	2
Idaho	\$143,890,100	\$90.17	3
West Virginia	\$160,589,232	\$86.55	4
Alaska ²	\$59,261,100	\$81.02	5
New York	\$1,468,595,515	\$75.04	6
Alabama	\$358,728,139	\$74.39	7
California	\$2,512,158,000	\$66.04	8
Wyoming	\$33,852,718	\$58.73	9
Massachusetts	\$361,079,843	\$54.33	10
Arkansas	\$150,180,308	\$50.92	11
North Dakota ³	\$34,013,780	\$48.62	12
Rhode Island	\$49,390,630	\$47.03	13
New Mexico	\$97,144,500	\$46.58	14
Kentucky	\$191,695,800	\$43.76	15
Tennessee	\$275,073,200	\$42.61	16
Washington ³	\$289,049,500	\$41.91	17
Vermont	\$26,084,071	\$41.67	18
Delaware ²	\$38,153,700	\$41.60	19
Nebraska	\$72,690,976	\$39.18	20
Oklahoma ¹	\$148,623,000	\$38.96	21
Virginia ³	\$299,156,071	\$36.55	22
Colorado	\$180,719,799	\$34.84	23
Maryland ²	\$175,461,490	\$29.82	24
South Dakota ⁴	\$23,735,633	\$28.48	25
MEDIAN \$27.40			
Utah	\$78,246,700	\$27.40	26
New Jersey	\$229,203,000	\$25.86	27
Connecticut ²	\$88,191,904	\$24.56	28
Illinois	\$297,253,500	\$23.09	29
Maine ²	\$29,708,338	\$22.35	30
Florida ²	\$382,052,729	\$19.78	31
Montana	\$19,552,494	\$19.45	32
South Carolina	\$90,947,879	\$19.25	33
Texas	\$478,338,289	\$18.36	34
Iowa	\$53,688,501	\$17.46	35
Indiana	\$113,929,495	\$17.43	36
Michigan ³	\$172,041,800	\$17.41	37
Georgia	\$168,715,698	\$17.01	38
Louisiana	\$70,778,560	\$15.38	39
Minnesota ^{2,4}	\$77,456,000	\$14.40	40
Ohio	\$166,257,009	\$14.40	40
Kansas ⁴	\$41,479,143	\$14.37	42
Pennsylvania ²	\$181,961,000	\$14.26	43
North Carolina ²	\$138,126,056	\$14.16	44
New Hampshire	\$17,794,601	\$13.47	45
Oregon	\$52,141,850	\$13.37	46
Wisconsin	\$75,042,700	\$13.10	47
Mississippi ²	\$26,521,920	\$8.89	48
Arizona	\$49,756,500	\$7.59	49
Missouri	\$36,592,175	\$6.08	50
Nevada	\$9,042,262	\$3.28	51



Notes:

1 May contain some social service programs, but not Medicaid or CHIP.

2 General funds only.

3 Budget data taken from appropriations legislation.

4 State did not respond to the data check TFAH coordinated with ASTHO that was sent out October 26, 2012. States were given until November 16, 2012 to confirm or correct the information. The states that did not reply by that date were assumed to be in accordance with the findings.

Recommendations

1. The Foundational Capabilities and Programs should be adopted in order for Oregon's public health system to function efficiently and effectively
2. Significant and sustained state funding be identified and allocated for proper operationalization of the Foundational Capabilities and Programs
3. Statewide implementation of the Foundational Capabilities and Programs will occur in waves over a timeline to be determined

Recommendations

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4. Local public health will have the flexibility to operationalize the Foundational Capabilities and Programs through a single county structure; a single county with shared services; or a multi-county jurisdiction
5. Improvements and changes in the governmental public health system be structured around state and local metrics established and evaluated by the Public Health Advisory Board, which will report to the Oregon Health Policy Board

The full report in addition to task force meeting minutes and materials can be found online:

www.healthoregon/taskforce

Items for Board Action

Approval of Minutes



Health Licensing Office
Environmental Health Registration Board



Feb. 27, 2015
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320
Salem, Oregon

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Freund, Chair
Holly Skogley, Vice Chair
Frank Brown
Caroline Gross-Regan
Norman Marsh
Jonathan Schott

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Mercer, Director
Sylvie Donaldson, Fiscal Services and Licensing Manager
Bob Bothwell, Regulatory Operations Manager
Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst
Debby Daniels, Qualification Specialist
Samie Patnode, Policy Analyst
Sarah Kelber, Communications Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT

Mark Nystrom, policy manager for the
Association of Oregon Counties (joined at
9:53 a.m.)
Robert (Bob) Baggett, Oregon Department
of Environmental Quality

Call to order

Jeff Freund called the meeting of the Environmental Health Registration Board (EHRB) to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll was called.

Director Holly Mercer opened the meeting with an agenda change. While the topics of the meeting would remain, the order in which they would be presented would be altered so the roundtable discussion and members of the public wishing to address the Board could go first.

Items for board action

◆ **Approval of revised agenda**

Norman Marsh made a motion, with a second by Holly Skogley, to approve the revised agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Approval of minutes**

Caroline Gross-Regan made a motion, with a second by Jonathan Schott, to approve the minutes for Oct. 24, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy – roundtable discussion

Mercer opened the discussion with background on the issue. There have been ongoing conversations

about onsite pre-cover septic inspections, which must be done in a set amount of time or the inspections are waived, and they are handled differently by the counties. Some counties contract with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to have them done. The conversations started with DEQ workgroup recommendations to get more of the inspections done. In the report, rural Oregon was defined as the area outside of the Portland and Willamette Valley. Randy Trox of DEQ submitted information on counties; the inspections were waived about 50 percent of the time.

Mercer said she would like to clear up the misperception that the Board is somehow a barrier to solving the problems associated with the onsite inspections.

Mark Nystrom said he has spent so much time and effort on this issue that involves just a few number of onsite pre-cover inspections in Eastern Oregon, that he would like to see a solution soon or his clients may pursue a legislative fix. Freund said the Board agrees on the scale of the problem and that Harney County averages about 11 construction permits a year.

Bob Baggett said the numbers Trox provided represent counties with a lot of activity that gave programs back to DEQ, and the agency had to do more work with the same amount of resources. Baggett said the focus was on inspecting construction so there weren't delays and that the statutes allow for the septic system inspection waivers. He said when the economy crashed, there were layoffs and fewer people were spread over a bigger area. Baggett said there never was an expectation that all the requested onsite septic inspections in rural areas were going to get done and that DEQ has done a lot to make sure systems are put in properly.

Nystrom said that every county would like to run their own program, but with the decrease in timber payments and counties getting less income, about 9 percent of county income is discretionary, so some counties don't want to take this program back. Septic systems rarely spur complaints, but there are health issues. Nystrom said he would prefer to take care of this with rules rather than legislation, and there seems to be some "low-hanging fruit," to makes this easier for someone like the soil scientist in Harney County who lacks the [supervised] hours to get a license from the EHRB. He said there is technology, like Skype, that can be used to gather data on installations as well.

Baggett said that in the rural areas there are only a few installers. Technology could help solve the problem. He said an installer can take a photo and send it in. Baggett said he doesn't know if this is a perceived problem at the rural county level or if it's the desire for flexibility. He said real efficiencies could come from cross training – if someone is going out for an electrical inspection, have them trained to check the plumbing in the house. Baggett said for some reason, we've been focusing on this one thing for a long time.

Jonathan Schott asked for clarification on the problem. He asked why this was a Board issue and what the guests were requesting. He said he is in Baker and that access to everything is an issue and there is nothing in the rules that is blocking anything being discussed.

Nystrom said there is a retired soil scientist and a county was wanting him to help out with inspections and he felt there was a barrier to him being able to work.

Baggett said the soil scientist was discussed at the work group; the individual could work as a trainee

forever. He took the test and passed it, but he just wants to be registered. He said he thought there was two issues – the specific soil scientist and wanting to create efficiencies.

Skogley said there was the perception that non-registered environmental health specialists (REHS) would be doing that work.

Mercer said that if there was a complaint about a person doing this work without a license that HLO would do an investigation.

Nystrom said the public health side has said the waived inspections aren't right and we've been trying to work with them, but that he doesn't remember how the path led to this Board.

Freund said there are many ways this can be solved.

One of the recommendations was around waste water specialist trainees that have professional experience as determined by the Environmental Health Registration Board (EHRB) in another scientific field. The idea was for EHRB to offer a credit toward the required number of supervised hours. There is an EHRB rule around waste water trainees: qualifications require 3,840 hours of qualified work experience as a trainee under a specified supervisor to become fully certified.

Mercer said there was a trainee in a rural county who met with Mercer and Donaldson who has taken the test but who said they work very few hours every year and probably would never get the 3,840 required hours. Mercer said the Board could open the rules and add some language around the required two years of training, adding work experience or education to provide an option around the 3,840 hours – the equivalent of two years of working full time.

The Board discussed the history around the hours added to the two years of experience called for in the statute, and Mercer said that a change in the rules might allow some flexibility in the rules for applicants who may have experience working for the federal government or have other appropriate experience.

Fiscal Services and Licensing Manager Sylvie Donaldson said the Board's waste water statute only says two years of experience; there is nothing about full time or part time.

Freund said this one applicant from a rural county might be behind a lot of the discussions and if they crafted some new rule language around the wastewater rules it may solve some problems.

Frank Brown asked about the rulemaking time line, and if the Board could take any action at the meeting. Mercer said the administrative rule language should be properly noticed before the Board can take action on it, but if the Board was willing to add a meeting in the next few weeks just to address the proposed rule, the time frame could be compressed.

Public/interested parties' feedback

David Bussen, Douglas County, Oregon Environmental Health Association, suggested that Bill Emminger address the group. Emminger, Environmental Health Director, Benton County, said he appreciated the conversation about using new technology to help REHS and more strategic training for REHS under DEQ rules would build some efficiencies. He said final decisions would rest with REHS,

and cross training with REHS in counties would make sense, as would breaking down silos with DEQ.

Mike Matthews, Coalition of Environmental Health Supervisors (CLEHS), presented the group's White Paper. Matthews said the REHS who issues a permit in counties is responsible for getting a system installed right. He said there are REHS in every county in the state – maybe they can take DEQ training for different kinds of inspections.

Kim Aldrich, Oregon Wastewater Association, said the installers want inspections so the responsibility doesn't lie with them. She said she wants the word "rural" used. She didn't want these rules and changes the Board does to affect the Willamette Valley and Portland. She was concerned that changing the amount of hours that an applicant has to do should be done case-by-case. She also encouraged an intern program to get people involved in the field.

Freund encouraged Nystrom to go back to his clients and tell them about the Board's effort to look at the training hours on a case-by-case basis. Freund also said that maybe another answer to the problem is higher fees; the fees for permits in the rural counties are very low and fees should pay for the program.

Baggett said that the rural counties who asked to take their programs back from DEQ said it was because the fees charged by DEQ were too high for their residents. Counties are trying to find efficiencies to keep their fees low.

Nystrom said he felt positive about reporting what was discussed.

Mercer said the proposed rule around the waste water hours will have to be noticed at another meeting and staff will propose an extra meeting date to review proposed rule language and rulemaking schedule.

Reports

◆ Director's report

Director Holly Mercer outlined staff changes, including the introduction of new Communications Coordinator Sarah Kelber. Mercer also made the Board aware of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the case North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. the Federal Trade Commission. She said she is waiting for the Oregon Department of Justice's guidance on this case.

Brown asked Mercer if there have been any cost savings since HLO was taken over by the Oregon Health Authority. Mercer said that HLO didn't have that information yet, but that she expected some numbers soon.

◆ Licensing and fiscal statistical reports

Donaldson reviewed how new licenses and renewals were tracking by age and gender, and said about 50 percent of renewals are being done online.

Freund pointed out how the licensees were older and that this is a problem. Freund asked if recruitment into the profession would be something the Board could do or, in light of the Supreme Court ruling, would that be handled by professional associations. Donaldson said there were some odd things in the statute that may be keeping people out of the profession, including the 45 science hours that must be within a person's bachelor's degree and that a person's waste water training has to be done in Oregon.

Mercer said associations are the driver behind promoting the profession and getting statutes changed.

Donaldson said the Board's fiscal picture is improving.

◆ **Regulatory report**

Regulatory Operations Manager Bob Bothwell told the Board that they had received six complaints this biennium and that four were open; two were closed. There was one complaint in the last biennium.

Other board business

Mercer said staff would check the calendars and contact Board members regarding another Board meeting to be scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss the proposed rule and rule schedule and the waste water trainee's qualifications in light of the new rule.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst

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Health Licensing Office
Environmental Health Registration Board



April 7, 2015
700 Summer St. NE, Suite 320
Salem, Oregon

MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA
TELECONFERENCE**

Jeff Freund, Chair
Holly Skogley, Vice Chair
Frank Brown
Caroline Gross-Regan
Norman Marsh
Jonathan Schott

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Mercer, Director
Sylvie Donaldson, Fiscal Services and Licensing Manager
Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst
Sarah Kelber, Communications Coordinator
Maria Gutierrez, Board Specialist

Call to order

Jeff Freund called the meeting of the Environmental Health Registration Board to order at 10 a.m. Roll was called.

Items for board action

◆ **Approval of agenda**

Holly Skogley made a motion, with a second by Caroline Gross-Regan, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Vote to open the rulemaking process and approve rulemaking schedule**

Director Holly Mercer asked the Board if they had any changes or suggestions regarding the proposed administrative rule, which adds language to the section regarding qualifications around the registration of waste water specialists. It allows the Board discretion to approve qualified work experience from trainees who have been registered for at least two years.

Jeff Freund asked when the rule would go into effect. Mercer told him that if the Board votes to adopt the rule permanently at the next Board meeting, which is scheduled for June 26, 2015, it would take effect on July 1, 2015. Mercer and Sylvie Donaldson, Fiscal Services and Licensing Manager, explained that the rule language was just proposed, and that the language may be clarified after the Board gets comments from the public.

Norman Marsh, with a second by Holly Skogley, moved to enter rulemaking and approve the rulemaking schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Anne Thompson, Policy Analyst

Director's report

Licensing and Fiscal Statistical Reports

Health Licensing Office

Environmental Health Registration Board

Licensing Division Statistics as of June 12, 2015

2013 - 2015 Biennium

Authorizations Issued

Quarter	Environmental Health Specialist	Waste Water Specialist	Environmental Health Specialist Trainee	Waste Water Specialist Trainee	Total
1st	2	-	3	-	5
2nd	3	-	2	-	5
3rd	3	-	4	-	7
4th	1	-	1	-	2
5th	-	-	3	-	3
6th	6	-	1	-	7
7th	3	-	3	-	6
8th	3	1	1	-	5
Total:	21	1	18	-	40

Renewals Processed

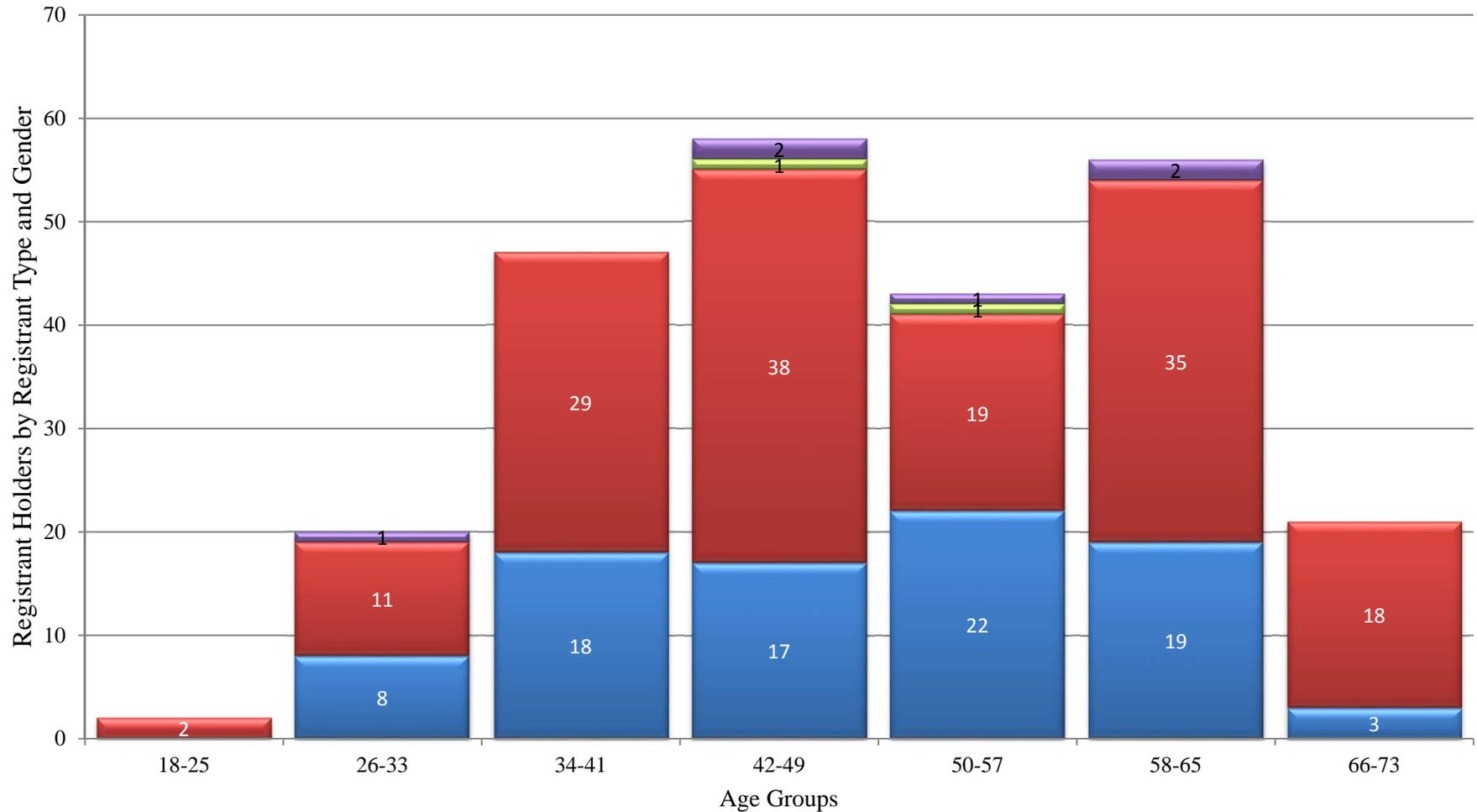
Quarter	Environmental Health Specialist	Waste Water Specialist	Total	% Renewed Online
1st	61	1	62	48.39%
2nd	56	3	59	45.76%
3rd	53	2	55	67.27%
4th	65	1	66	51.52%
5th	61	1	62	38.71%
6th	48	3	51	50.98%
7th	58	2	60	63.33%
8th	47	-	47	59.57%
Total:	449	13	462	52.81%

Environmental Health Registration Board

Active Environmental Health and Waste Water Registrants

Statistics grouped by Registration Type, Gender and Age Group as of June 12, 2015

2013 - 2015 Biennium



■ Environmental Health - Female

■ Environmental Health - Male

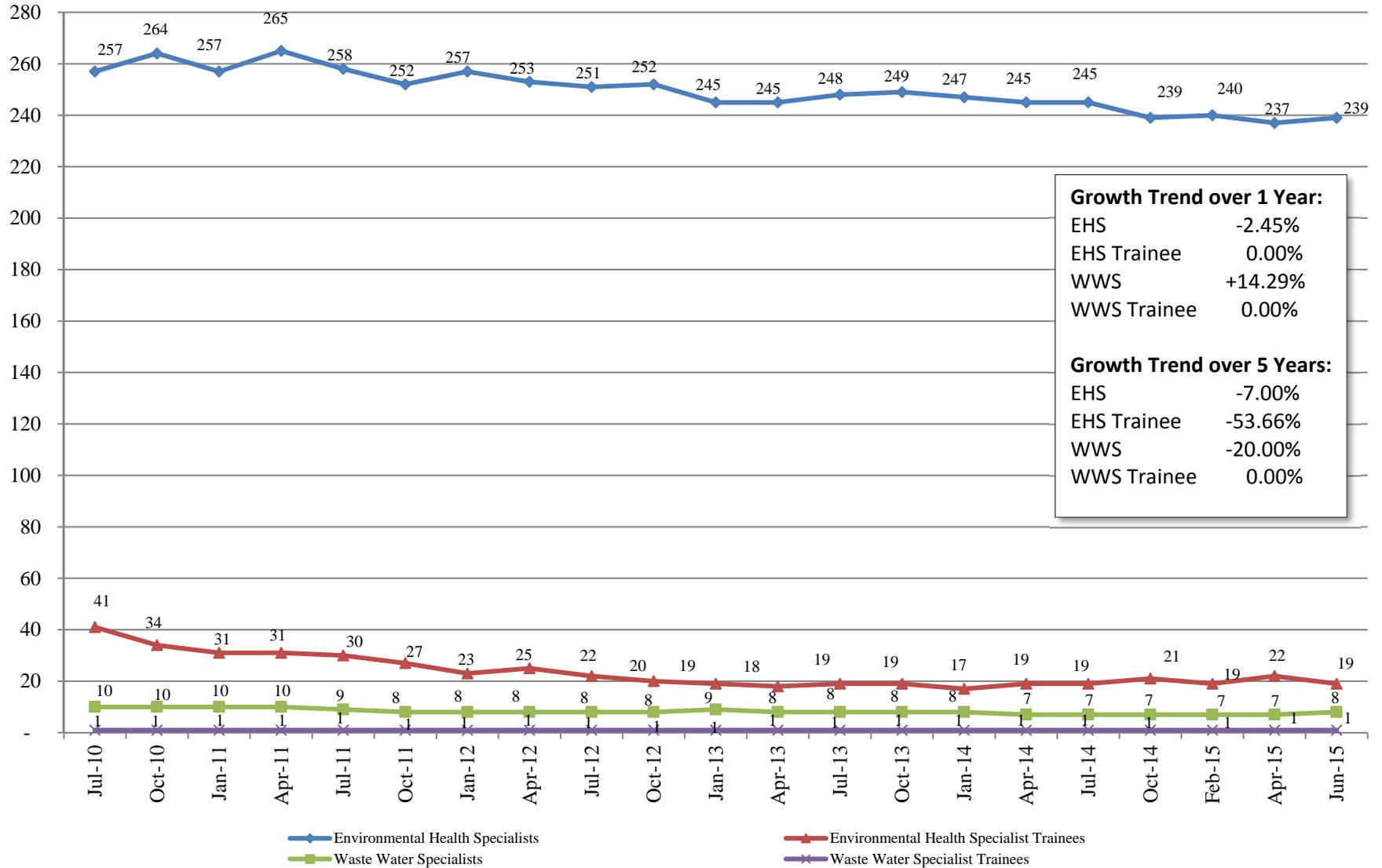
■ Waste Water - Female

■ Waste Water - Male

Total: 267

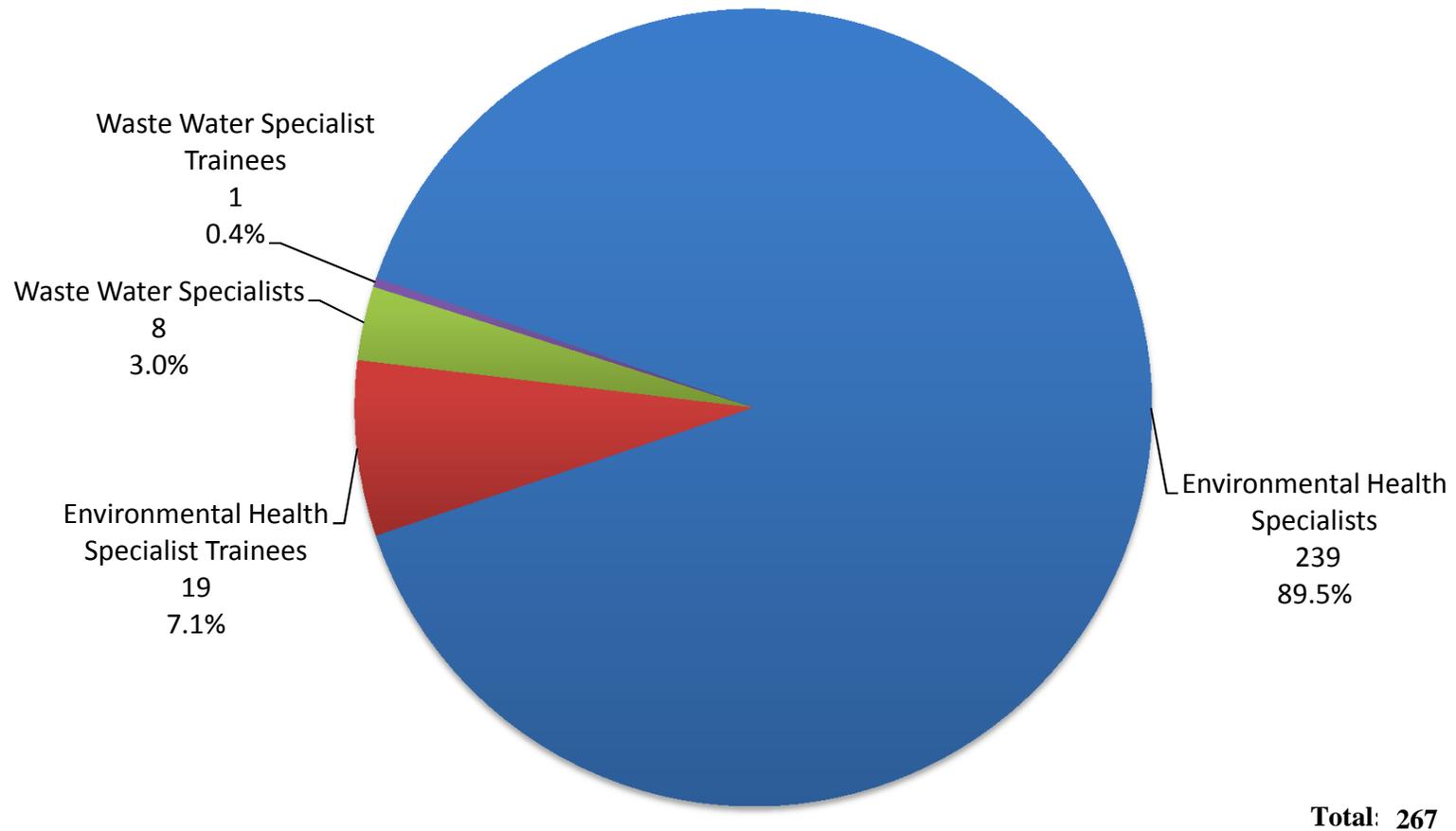
Environmental Health Registration Board

Active Registration Trend July 2010 - June 2015

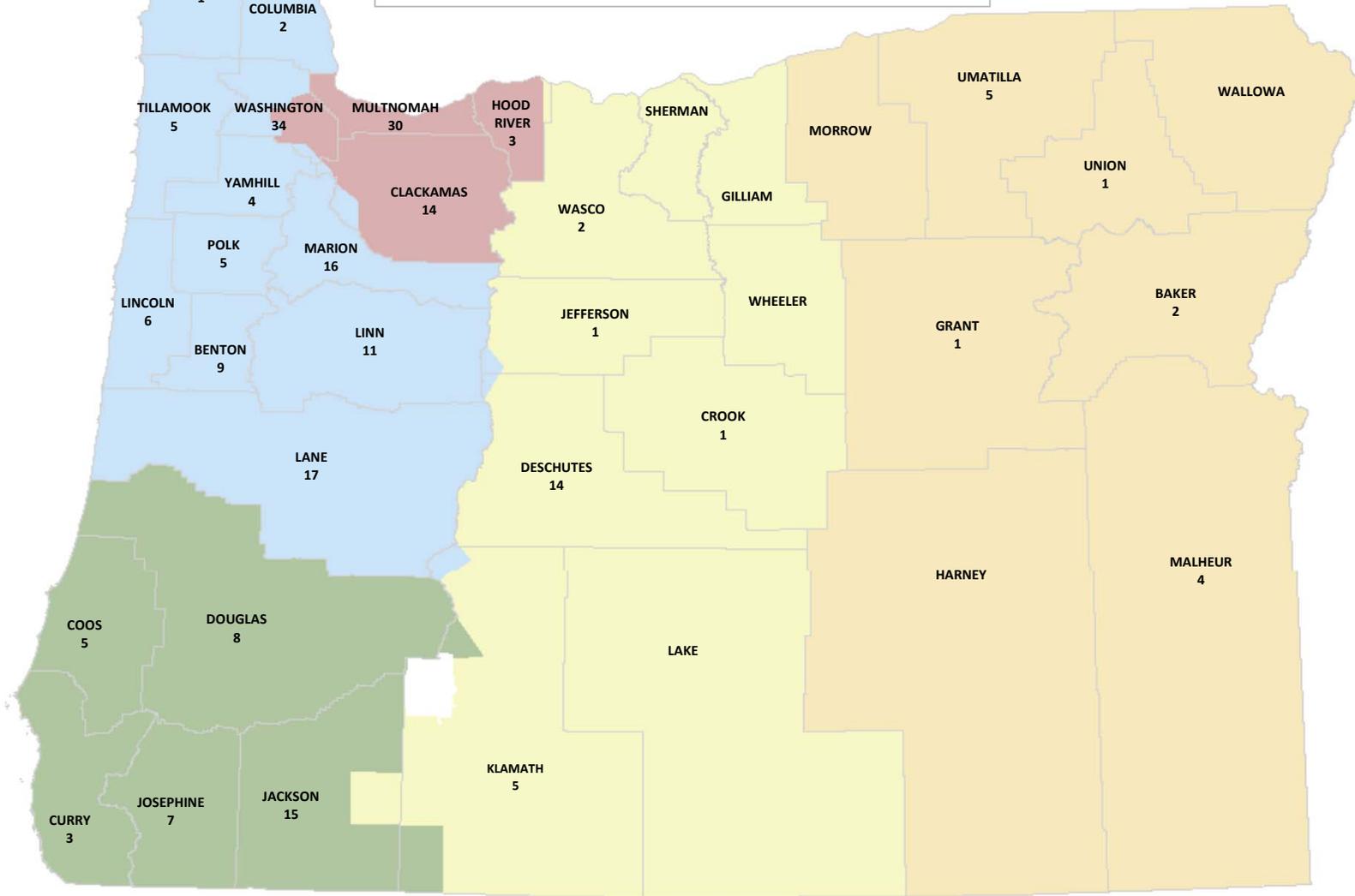


Environmental Health Registration Board

Registration Volume as of June 12, 2015
2013 - 2015 Biennium



**Environmental Health Specialists by County
As of June 12, 2015**



HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE Fund 7550 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/13 - 06/12/15	
CURRENT	
13-15' Beginning Cash Balance	\$ (12,983.20)
Revenues	\$ 87,050.86
Expenditures	\$ 42,792.36
Less: Accrued Expenditures	
Less: Total Expenditures	\$ (42,792.36)
Subtotal: Resources Available	\$ 31,275.30
Change in (Current Assets)/Liabilities	\$ -
Ending Cash Balance (Actual)	\$ 31,275.30
Indirect Charges are calculated using the following rates:	
*Based on Licensee Volume as of May 20, 2013	
Shared Assessment %	0.40%
Examination %	0.40%
Small Board Qualification %	4.56%
Inspection %	0.00%

HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE Fund 7550 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/13- 06/30/15	
PROJECTED	
13-15' Beginning Cash Balance	\$ (12,983.20)
Revenues	\$ 94,071.01
Expenditures	\$ 44,297.91
Less: Accrued Expenditures	\$ -
Less: Total Expenditures	\$ (44,297.91)
Subtotal: Resources Available	\$ 36,789.90
Change in (Current Assets)/Liabilities	\$ -
Ending Cash Balance (Projection)	\$ 36,789.90
Indirect Charges are calculated using the following rates:	
*Based on Licensee Volume as of May 20, 2013	
Shared Assessment %	0.40%
Examination %	0.40%
Small Board Qualification %	4.56%
Inspection %	0.00%

Regulatory Report

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Environmental Health Registration Board

June 26, 2015

2011 - 2013 Biennium

Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2013, 1 complaint was received by the Office. Total closed 1.

ANONYMOUS	CLIENTS	OTHER
0	0	1

2013 - 2015 Biennium

Between July 1, 2013 and May 31, 2015, 6 complaints were received by the Office. Total open 2. Total closed 4.

ANONYMOUS	CLIENTS	OTHER
1	0	5

Other: Internal
General Public

Public/Interested Parties' Feedback

Policy Report

**HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE,
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGISTRATION BOARD**

DIVISION 10

**REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS,
WASTE WATER SPECIALISTS, AND TRAINEES**

338-010-0016

Waste Water Specialist Application Requirements

An individual applying for a waste water specialist registration must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of OAR 331 division 30;
- (2) Submit a completed application form prescribed by the agency, which must contain the information listed in OAR 331-030-0000 and be accompanied by payment of the required application fees;
- (3) Provide documentation of one of the following qualification pathways:
 - (a) Registration Pathway 1 — Qualification through Waste Water Specialist Trainee Program.
 - (A) Trainee with Qualifying Bachelor's Degree: if applicant has obtained a waste water specialist trainee registration issued by the agency, applicant must submit:
 - (i) An official transcript as defined in OAR 338-005-0020 demonstrating attainment of a qualifying bachelor's degree with 45 quarter hours or equivalent semester hours in soil science courses, pursuant to ORS 700.053(3)(a);
 - (ii) Proof of 3,840 hours qualifying work experience under ORS 700.053(3)(a) **or qualifying work experience approved by the Board** as a registered waste water specialist trainee, under a supervisor specified in ORS 700.053 or equivalent supervisor as approved by the board **pursuant to OAR 338-010-0065(3)**;
 - (iii) Examination fees;
 - (iv) Proof of having completed and passed a board approved examination within three years preceding the date of registration application. See ORS 700.059 and OAR 338-010-0030(2); and

(v) Upon passage of all required examinations and before issuance of registration, applicant must pay all registration fees.

(B) Trainee with Graduate Degree: if applicant has obtained a waste water trainee registration issued by the agency, applicant must submit:

(i) Official transcript as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of qualifying graduate degree in soil science pursuant to ORS 700.053(3)(b);

(ii) Proof of 1,920 hours of qualifying work experience under ORS 700.053(3)(b) as a registered waste water specialist trainee, under a supervisor specified in ORS 700.053 or equivalent supervisor as approved by the board;

(iii) Examination fees;

(iv) Proof of having completed and passed a board approved examination within three years preceding the date of registration application. See ORS 700.059 and OAR 338-010-0030(2); and

(v) Upon passage of all required examinations and before issuance of registration, applicant must pay all registration fees.

(b) Registration Pathway 2 — Reciprocity. Applicant must submit:

(i) An official transcript as defined in OAR 338-005-0020 demonstrating attainment of a qualifying bachelor's degree with 45 quarter hours or equivalent semester hours in soil science courses, pursuant to ORS 700.053(3)(a); or

(B) Official transcript as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of qualifying graduate degree in soil science pursuant to ORS 700.053(3)(b);

(C) Affidavit of licensure pursuant to OAR 331-030-0040, demonstrating proof of current registration as a waste water specialist, which is active with no current or pending disciplinary action. The registration must have been issued by a regulatory body of another state or a national association recognized by the board; and

(D) Pay all registration fees.

(c) Registration Pathway 3 — Graduate Degree and Certification. Applicant must submit:

(i) Official transcript as defined in OAR 338-005-0020, demonstrating attainment of qualifying graduate degree in soil science pursuant to ORS 700.053(3)(c);

(ii) Proof of current certification as a professional soil scientist pursuant to ORS 700.053(3)(c);

(iii) Examination fees;

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Stat. Auth.: ORS 676.605, 700.035, 700.062 & 700.240

Stats. Implemented: ORS 676.605, 700.035, 700.062 & 700.240

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DATE: June 26, 2015 <http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/Pages/index.aspx>
TO: Health Licensing Office
FROM: Anne Thompson, hearing officer
SUBJECT: Report on Environmental Health Registration Board rulemaking hearing

Background

A Department of Environmental Quality Workgroup aiming to look for efficiencies in the onsite septic system inspection process, and feedback from stakeholders led the Environmental Health Registration Board (Board) to add rule language around qualifications for licensure. The Board wanted the flexibility to approve qualified work experience from wastewater specialist trainees.

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the set of administrative rules drafted by the Board and Health Licensing Office (HLO) staff.

Prior to the hearing, which was 2 to 4 p.m. June 1, 2015, in the Mill Creek Conference Room at HLO, staff filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing and Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact with the Secretary of State that was published on May 1, 2015, in the Oregon Bulletin. Interested persons were invited to offer oral testimony and written comment on the proposed rules. The notice provided that the last time and day to submit comments was 4 p.m. on May 29, 2015. The hearing was conducted by Anne Thompson, policy analyst, who served as the hearing officer.

Summary of proposed rules

The rule adds language to the section regarding the registration of waste water specialists. It allows the Environmental Health Registration Board (Board) discretion to approve qualified work experience from trainees who have been registered for at least two years.

Written comments and documents

None.

Oral comments

None.

Items for Board Action

**Adopt permanent
administrative rules**

Issue Statement



ISSUE STATEMENT

HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE

Environmental Health Registration Board

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ISSUE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt permanent administrative rules.

Other Board Business

