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## Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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To: Committee Administrator for House and Senate Interim Committees  
on Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness

Re: Report on Licensing of military applicants, spouses and partners

Dear Ms. Ross:

The Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board is complying with this letter with the 2014 HB 4057 to submit a report on the Board's implementation of expedited application process for military Occupational Therapists, and spouses or partners of military personnel. The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board engages in a profession pursuant to ORS 676.308 and must report to the interim and statutory committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over military and veterans' affairs by the October 1, 2014 deadline regarding implementation of the statute.

There are currently four Occupational Therapy practitioners that we are aware of, who are in the military or are a spouse or partner of military personnel currently licensed. We had one applicant who is a spouse who was just issued an expedited license on September 22, 2014.

The Licensing Board Director tracks applicants or licensees who are in the military or are spouses or partners of those in the military and works to expedite their licensing. Their applications are given priority and the Board works to make their licensing and or renewals process easy. This includes giving special consideration of the Continuing Education requirements, and for those on active duty, possible exemption from payment of license fees.

There is an army OT school, and military applicants already passed the national NBCOT exam. It is the National Certification Board of Occupational Therapy, which administers the national examination, would have to determine that the education, including fieldwork, is approved.

We will continue to comply with the law and support this effort.

Sincerely,

Felicia Holgate, Executive Director

