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To: House and Senate Interim Committees on Veterans Services and Emergency Preparedness  
Attention: Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator

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Re: Report on Licensing of Applicants Who Are Military Spouses or Domestic Partners

With this report the Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (BSPA) is in compliance with HB 4057 (2014) regarding ORS 676.308. BSPA is one of the health regulatory boards that must report to the interim and statutory committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over military and veterans' affairs by October 1, 2014 regarding implementation of this statute.

As of October 1, 2014, BSPA has no record of spouses or partners of military personnel applying for licensure in Oregon as Speech-Language Pathologists, Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, or Audiologists. Therefore, no licenses have been issued or denied by BSPA under ORS 676.308.

If an applicant was identified as being a spouse or domestic partner of a military person, BSPA staff would keep track of the applicant, facilitate the receipt of necessary documentation, and make it a priority to process the application once the applicant's competency was demonstrated per ORS 676.308 and OAR Chapter 335, Division 60. Currently, BSPA advises all applicants that licenses are issued within 3-5 business days after receiving a completed application. Frequently licenses are actually processed more quickly than that.

BSPA will continue to adhere to this statute and facilitate licensure for military spouses and partners.