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TESTIMONY PROVIDED TO: House Education Committee
 TOPIC: SLP Licensing

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This testimony was provided in large part last session to Senate Government Ops. A 4th column presenting the impact of Senator Mullin’s proposal in the current Senate Miscellaneous Education Bill has been added. Please note, that all options for a single license, if not held at the AOE, result in additional transaction costs that will need to be covered. The AOE is able to support Options 2-4 with no additional revenues. Option 1, would require substantial new fees or revenue to execute.

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Statute	As proposed in current version of H. 562 (p.71-74)	No amendment to statute required	Rescind Act 38 and return clinical licensure of SLPs to AOE	Proposed language in miscellaneous ed bill.
Licensees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Includes ≈1,000 potential educators about 8% of teaching force; 500 are SLPs 2. Convenience of a single location for license- medium licensing fees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OPR fee= \$100 per year b. AOE= \$0 per year c. Total= \$100 per year 3. Maintain teacher benefits related to contracts and retirement. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Includes ≈1,000 potential educators about 8% of teaching force; 500 are SLPs 2. Inconvenience of two locations for licenses- highest licensing fees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OPR fee=\$100 per year; b. AOE fee=\$67 per year c. Total = \$167 per year 3. Maintain teacher benefits related to contracts and retirement. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 500 are SLP educators, unknown number of clinically licensed SLPs 2. Convenience of a single location for license- lowest licensing fees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OPR fee=\$0 per year; b. AOE fee=\$67¹ per year c. Total= \$67 per year 3. Maintain teacher benefits related to contracts and retirement. 4. Non-educator SLPs may not want this change. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 500 are SLP educators, unknown number of clinically licensed SLPs 2. Convenience of a single location for license for each person <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OPR fee= \$100 per year a. AOE fee=\$67² per year 3. Maintain teacher benefits related to contracts and retirement. for educators 4. Divides the SLP profession.

¹ Assuming a 3 year license for \$200- \$50 application fee and \$50 for each year (\$150)- As a result the yearly cost is \$67.

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OPR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased work relative to licensees 2. New costs related to collaboration with VSBPE 3. New costs related to creating data sharing agreements and data transfer 4. New costs related to collaboration with AOE 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change in revenue or work 2. No change in consultation with VSBPE 3. No requirement to share data 4. No increased costs to collaborate with AOE 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss of revenue from clinical licenses of SLPs³ 2. No change in consultation with VSBPE 3. No requirement to share data 4. No increased costs to collaborate with AOE 5. Lost investment on the startup of clinical licensure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss of revenue from the 500 educator SLPs 2. No change in consultation with VSBPE 3. No requirement to share data 4. No increased costs to collaborate with AOE
AOE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued expenses for supporting the work of VSBPE and investigations with no corresponding revenue 2. New costs related to creating data sharing agreements and data transfer 3. New costs related to collaboration with OPR 4. Lost investment in licensing infrastructure (online) 5. Decrease in revenue of \$60-80,000⁴ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change in revenue or work 2. No change in consultation with VSBPE 3. No requirement to share data 4. No increased costs to collaborate with OPR 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in revenue and work relative to licensees 2. No change in consultation with VSBPE 3. No requirement to share data 4. Increase in revenue of \$10-15,000⁵ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change in revenue or work 2. No change in consultation with VSBPE 3. No requirement to share data 4. No increased costs to collaborate with OPR
Other Educators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in fees (likely 10%) to 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No impact 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No impact 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No impact

³ OPR would need to confirm the loss here, based on their fee of \$100 per year and roughly 400 SLPS (clinical and educator) renewing each year, we estimate this at \$80,000 per year.

⁴ For the next two years, approximately 1/4 (250) of licensees renew, and then there are new applicants. Applicants pay for their full term of their license at the time of application; some are for 3 year licenses at \$200 each and some are for 5-year licenses at \$300 each. Assuming (150 licensees *\$200)+ (100 licensees *\$300)=\$60,000. If all applicants need 3-year licenses the figure would be \$50,000; if all need 5-year licenses applicants the figure would be \$75,000.

⁵ Based on our change in revenue the year when clinical licensure was given up.

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	offset reduction in revenue			
Other entities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unclear of the impact to Treasury of having two agencies to interface with related to teacher retirement processes. 2. Unclear of impact on school systems and their negotiations with bargaining units as the definition of teacher changes; could potentially increase costs for school systems- (please see Nicole Mace testimony). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No impact 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No impact 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No impact