

Oregon has a Health Licensing Office which oversees many professions that are deemed to be health-related (tattoo artists, music therapy, behavior analysts, cosmetologists, etc.). The Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology governs the practice of our professions in Oregon.

However, every couple of years some legislation is proposed to subsume various other boards, including ours, into the Health Licensing Office. So far this legislation has been unsuccessful, and we have successfully lobbied to retain a state board specifically for SLP and Audiology.

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We do not have a super board. 12 years ago it was proposed to have a super board in the state of Ohio, but we turned it down due to the lack of inefficiency and poor consumer protection demonstrated by other states who had a super board at the time.

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Here is response from Texas:

Not sure I would call it a "super board" but legislation last session moved us from DSHS where our Board had complete control of our Rules, to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation where we are no longer in control of our own destiny. Under TDLR, our "Advisory Board" are the only ones who may promulgate rules related to our "scope of practice" but they must ultimately be approved, or may be rejected by the TDLR Board of Commissioners.

The TDLR Commissioners (7 non-professionals) have jurisdiction over 17 industries and/or professions. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor. A health professions unit is being established as it is anticipated that other health professions e.g. PT and OT will be added under the TDLR umbrella in the next legislative session.