

AGENCY NAME: Oregon Student Assistance Commission

II. KEY MEASURE ANALYSIS

Agency Mission: To assist Oregon students and their families in attaining a postsecondary education and to enhance the value, integrity, and diversity of Oregon’s college programs

KPM #4	NUMBER OF DETRIMENTAL DUPLICATION ISSUES RESOLVED BY ODA Number of detrimental duplication issues resolved by ODA	Measure since: New
Goal	Goal 2: Protect the value of a college degree	
Oregon Context	Oregon Benchmarks #24, #25, #26	
Data source	Each case has a separate file that can be reviewed.	
Owner	Office of Degree Authorization (ODA), Alan Contreras, Administrator (541) 687-7452	

1. OUR STRATEGY

Adverse impact issues were a very large part of ODA’s work in the 1990s. Owing to automated new program announcements and a generally positive cooperative attitude by all sectors, adverse impact cases have all but disappeared. ODA remains the designated agency to resolve such cases, but that is essentially a reserve power at this point.

2. ABOUT THE TARGETS

The targets represent an expectation of extremely low activity and are not goals in the usual sense.

3. HOW WE ARE DOING

We expect a continued steady state in adverse impact cases unless the public sector begins a significant process of new program addition.

4. HOW WE COMPARE

Oregon is the only state of which we are aware that allows private colleges a de facto screening power for new public-college degree programs.

5. FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS

Lack of funds in the public sector and a robust private higher education sector are probably the reason why there have been so few adverse impact issues raised in recent years.

6. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

The current low case level is good. ODA should continue to encourage communication among sectors.

7. ABOUT THE DATA

There are so few cases that data consists of isolated points over a period of years. ODA receives no funding dedicated to this specific activity.

