



MEMORANDUM

DATE October 10, 2022

TO: Members, Licensing and Examination Committee

FROM: Kristy Underwood, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Review and Discussion of the Spanish Language Exam Pass Rates

Based on our last committee meeting, Board staff contacted other states to ask about their pass rates for Spanish applicants. Surprisingly, many states that offer the examinations in Spanish do not track the pass rates. The following states reported:

Alaska:	estimates the pass rate is around 50%
Utah:	24%
North Carolina:	54% Cosmetology
Tennessee:	45%
Nevada:	17.8%

It was also found that many states offer the examination in Spanish, but do not believe any applicants request the examination in Spanish.

Board staff met with the Board's current exam vendor to determine the type of data that can be generated that may help in identifying content areas where test takers are performing poorly. The vendor is currently working to provide Board staff with this data. In addition, Board staff is requesting a modification to BreEZe that will allow reports to be generated for each school. This will allow schools to see exactly which content area their students are struggling in. Unfortunately, this will not be available until March 1, 2023.

Board staff will continue to work with the exam vendor on generating new data that may provide more information on the low Spanish pass rates. Board staff will provide this data at the next committee meeting.