

III. KEY MEASURE ANALYSIS

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KPM #8	CONDUCT ORAL ARGUMENTS OUTSIDE SALEM— Number of oral arguments scheduled annually outside Salem in geographically dispersed locations	Measure since: 2002
Goal	(7) Conduct oral arguments locally.	
Oregon Context	BM 32 (Feeling of Community)	
Data source	LUBA staff manually maintain data, which can be verified by consulting LUBA’s central files	
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1. OUR STRATEGY

The Board Members periodically review their cases to find cases where conducting local oral argument would be welcome to the parties and of interest to the local community. The ideal case involves well-briefed issues that are of wide interest to the community, local staff and local decision makers. The Board always conducts an informal question and answer session following oral argument, providing an opportunity for planning staff and citizens to engage with the Board, to learn more about Oregon’s land use review process, and to feel a part of that process.

2. ABOUT THE TARGETS

Five local oral arguments per year is probably the highest number that the Board can reasonably conduct consistent with its caseload and other obligations.

3. HOW WE ARE DOING

LUBA missed this target in 2006-2007, but this was an unexpected failure and LUBA expects to meet the target in 2007-08.

4. HOW WE COMPARE

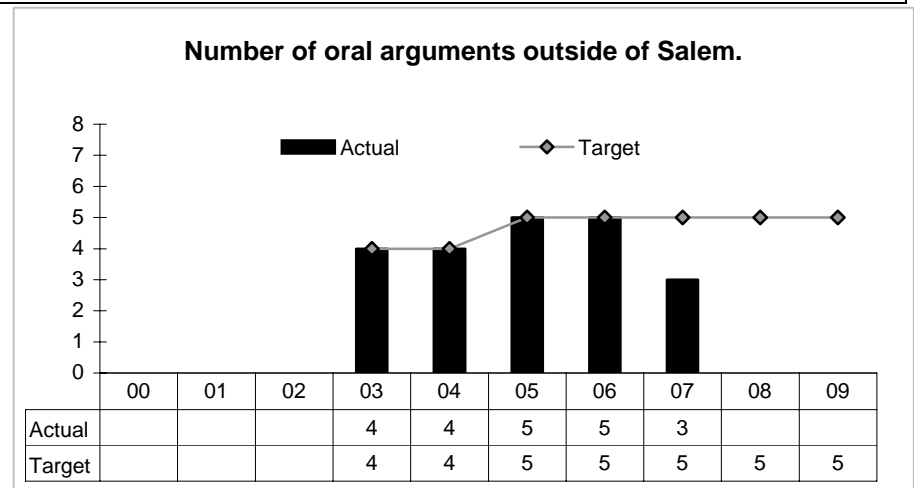
The Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon Court of Appeals occasionally conduct oral arguments outside of Salem.

5. FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS

Caseload is the main factor affecting results. As the size of the caseload increases, it becomes increasingly difficult to justify the time lost to writing opinions that is required for Board Members to travel to more distant parts of the state for oral argument. A lesser factor is the occasional difficulty in finding appropriate cases for conducting a local oral argument.

6. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

No action is needed



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7. **ABOUT THE DATA**

LUBA staff maintain the data and report it every fiscal quarter, Oregon fiscal year (July to June) and biennially. All data can be independently verified by consulting LUBA's central file.