2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 96 **STATUS:** -1 Amendment
SUBJECT: Testing fee for home inspectors seeking certification
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Construction Contractors Board
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DATE: February 28, 2007

	2007-2009	2009-2011
EXPENDITURES: See Comments.		
REVENUES:		
Testing Fees – Other Funds	$ 40,500	$ 54,000

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill allows the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) to increase the testing fee for home inspectors who are seeking certification from $50 to $150.

The CCB administered 115 first-time exams, and 155 retakes on failed sections of the exam during the last fiscal year. The agency assumes similar numbers of first-time tests and retakes will be requested each year, resulting in 540 testing fees being collected per biennium. The incremental fee increase is $100. The agency anticipates the increase fee will take effect 6 months into the next biennium resulting in additional Other Fund revenues of $40,500 for 2007-09 and $54,000 for 2009-2011.

CCB receives several complaints annually about the current home inspector exam. The agency anticipates hiring a consultant in the next biennium to help redesign the current exam to address issues identified and to help ensure that the exam is accurate, reliable and defensible. CCB estimates that associated costs will be approximately $60,000 for the next biennium.