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## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**To:** Education Subcommittee

**From:** Michael Graham, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** May 11, 2023

**Subject:** HB 3300 – Relating to the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists  
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 3300 authorizes the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a limited permit to practice as a professional counselor or marriage and family therapist to an individual who is licensed in another state with substantially equivalent requirements for licensure. The measure authorizes the board to impose a nonrefundable limited permit fee on any individual who applies for the limited permit, which is valid for up to 30 days in a 12-month period. The measure also removes the annual license renewal requirement for counselors and therapists licensed by the board. The measure becomes operative on January 1, 2024; however, the board and the Mental Health Regulatory Agency may take any action necessary to implement the measure prior to its operative date. The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment *sine die*.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the board and the agency. The board would need to conduct rulemaking to impose and collect the limited permit fee, and the board and the agency would need to monitor out-of-state counselors and therapists for compliance. This increase in workload is expected to be offset by efficiencies achieved from removing the requirement that counselors and therapists renew their licenses annually.

The board estimates that the measure would generate limited permit fee revenue of \$156,500 Other Funds in the 2023-25 biennium. This assumes a limited permit fee of \$100 per applicant, effective January 1, 2024. This fee revenue is anticipated in the board and the agency's 2023-25 legislatively adopted budget as Policy Option Package 102.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 3300 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move HB 3300 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.**  
(VOTE)

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_