

HB 5044 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

HB 5044 is a 2023-25 budget bill that provides a blank General Fund appropriation and establishes expenditure limitation of an unspecified amount. The measure declares an emergency and is effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

The revenue impact of the measure and the -2 amendment.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 is the fee ratification bill for the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD). OBD adopted two fees related to licensing of dental therapists; dental therapist application fee is \$180, and dental therapist biennial licensure fee is \$230.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 291.055(1)(e) stipulates that all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted between the date of adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, are rescinded upon adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly unless the fee is authorized by enabling legislation.

This measure provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through administrative rule by OBD during the 2022-23 Interim. OBD adopted two fees related to licensing of dental therapists as a result of HB 2528 (2021), which requires OBD to establish a dental therapist program which includes fees for licensing. The new dental therapist application fee is \$180, and the dental therapist biennial licensure fee is \$230, which aligns with current licensing fees for dentists and dental hygienists.