

## SB 789 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Oregon Board of Psychology to require a person who receives disciplinary action to pay the costs associated with that action. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### Detailed Summary:

Permits the Oregon Board of Psychology to require a person against whom disciplinary action has been taken to pay the following amounts, beginning January 1, 2026:

- For total costs equal to or less than \$3,000, the board may not charge for the associated costs.
- For total costs greater than \$3,000 and equal or less than \$6,000, the board may charge up to 50% of the associated costs.
- For total costs greater than \$6,000, the board may charge up to 100% of the associated costs.

*Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued*

*Revenue impact: No revenue impact*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

[ORS 676.108](#) defines Oregon's health professional regulatory boards, which licenses professionals to practice and addresses licensee impairment issues. The Oregon Board of Psychology ("Board") is the health professional regulatory board responsible for examining and licensing all psychologists in Oregon. The Board also investigates complaints made regarding unethical or unlicensed practice of psychology in the state. The Board is overseen by and receives administrative support from the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

Other health professional regulatory boards regulated by the Oregon [Health Licensing Office](#) (HLO) may require a person to pay to up \$5,000 for the cost of disciplinary proceedings. Senate Bill 789 permits the Oregon Board of Psychology to charge a person for the cost of disciplinary proceedings.