

SB 5544 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wright

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 05/16/25

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Bowman, Evans, Gomberg, Levy E, Ruiz, Sanchez, Valderrama

Nays: 3 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Drazan

Exc: 2 - Owens, Smith G

Senate Vote

Yeas: 7 - Anderson, Broadman, Campos, Frederick, Lieber, Manning Jr, Sollman

Nays: 4 - Bonham, Girod, McLane, Smith DB

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/20, 5/8, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

SB 5544 relates to state financial administration.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The fiscal impact of the measure, including revenue projections in the 2025-27 biennium
- The potential need for another fee increase in the 2027-29 biennium

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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Legislative Assembly, and the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, are rescinded upon adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, unless the fee is authorized by enabling legislation.

Several sections in ORS Chapter 684 establish OBCE's authority to impose and collect certain fees related to the licensing and regulation of chiropractic physicians and chiropractic assistants. OBCE establishes and increases fees through the administrative rulemaking process. OBCE's 2023-25 legislatively adopted budget included a 20% fee increase to all license types. However, that fee increase did not provide sufficient revenues to sustain agency operations. As a result, OBCE established new fees and increased most fees by 30%, which went into effect in November 2024. The 30% fee increase is projected to generate \$636,898 in additional Other Funds fee revenue in the 2025-27 biennium. However, without an overall increase in licensees, OBCE will likely need another fee increase in the 2027-29 biennium.