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Bill Title: Relating to state financial administration; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Department of Administrative Services, Department of State Lands, Oregon Medical Board, Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Board of Nursing, Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, Board of Pharmacy, Oregon Health Authority, Department of Agriculture, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Mental Health Regulatory Agency, Board of Psychology

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact: This measure is anticipated to increase Other Funds revenues with the total revenue impact for each individual agency included below - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

This measure is the omnibus fee ratification bill for the 2026 legislative session. Under ORS 291.055, new or increased fees adopted by rule by state agencies during the interim period between legislative sessions require administrative approval by the Department of Administrative Services and then must be ratified by the Legislative Assembly to remain in effect after the next legislative session adjourns sine die.

This measure provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through administrative rule by the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE), Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (OBNM), Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Department of State Lands (DSL), Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA), Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (OTLB), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC), and Oregon Medical Board (OMB).

Fiscal Analysis

The following agencies are requesting fee modifications.

Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

The measure establishes a \$100 predetermination fee for programs administered by OTLB to support requests authorized under SB 1552 (2024), which allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination of whether a criminal conviction will prevent the individual from obtaining an occupational or professional license. The agency estimates \$300 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium, but this amount is entirely dependent on the number of individuals that petition the board.

Mental Health Regulatory Agency

The measure establishes a \$125 licensure predetermination fee for programs administered by MHRA, which provides administrative and regulatory oversight for the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and

Therapists and the Board of Psychology. The fee will support requests authorized under SB 1552 (2024), which allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination of whether a criminal conviction will prevent the individual from obtaining an occupational or professional license. The agency estimates \$6,325 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium, but this amount is entirely dependent on the number of individuals that petition the agency.

Board of Nursing

The measure establishes a \$75 predetermination fee for programs administered by OSBN to support requests authorized under SB 1552 (2024), which allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination of whether a criminal conviction will prevent the individual from obtaining an occupational or professional license. The agency estimates \$7,500 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium, but this amount is entirely dependent on the number of individuals that petition the board.

Board of Pharmacy

The measure establishes a \$100 criminal conviction determination process fee for programs administered by OBOP to support requests authorized under SB 1552 (2024), which allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination of whether a criminal conviction will prevent the individual from obtaining an occupational or professional license. The agency estimates \$1,000 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium, but this amount is entirely dependent on the number of individuals that petition the board.

Oregon Health Authority

The measure establishes, increases, or modifies multiple fees for programs administered by OHA, including the Psilocybin Services Program, the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Database, and the Art Therapist program authorized under HB 3761 (2025) and Senate Bill 1552 (2024):

- Psilocybin worker permit: \$25 for one year (previously \$25 for five years)
- Psilocybin training program curriculum approval: \$500 for one year (previously \$500 for five years)
- Oregon Healthcare Workforce Database one-year license: \$4 (previously \$2)
- Oregon Healthcare Workforce Database two-year license: \$8 (previously \$4)
- Criminal conviction predetermination request, Health Licensing Office: \$50 (New)
- Fingerprint based criminal history check, Health Licensing Office: \$50 (New)
- EMS provider criminal conviction petition determination: \$50 (New)
- Hemodialysis Technician criminal conviction petition determination: \$50 (New)
- Provisional Art Therapist application fee: \$150 (New)
- Provisional Art Therapist license fee: \$50 (New)
- Provisional Art Therapist renewal fee: \$50 (New)
- Fingerprint based criminal history check, Art Therapist licensure: \$50 (New)

The agency estimates \$204,322 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium and \$864,478 Other Funds revenue in the 2027-29 biennium. Revenues are expected to support program administration and cost recovery.

Board of Naturopathic Medicine

During the 2025-27 budget development process, OBNM was asked to return to the legislature during the 2026 session with a fee increase proposal, as the agency was projected to end the biennium with the equivalent of just over five months of operating reserves, even after making significant expenditure reductions. The agency requires a six-month operating reserve as all licenses administered by OBNM expire at the end of each calendar year. This leads to an uneven revenue cycle with the majority of OBNM revenues collected in December of each year.

This measure ratifies the establishment of one new fee, as well as multiple licensing and other fee increases, in order to increase OBNM's ending balance:

- License application processing: \$60 (previously \$50)
- Fee for license to practice naturopathic medicine, prorated according to receipt:
 - Annual active license renewal: \$515 (previously \$400)
 - Applications received January 1 through March 31: \$515 (previously \$400)
 - Applications received April 1 through June 30: \$515 (previously \$325)
 - Applications received July 1 through September 30: \$300 (previously \$250)
 - Applications received October 1 through December 31: \$300 (previously \$175)
- Active license renewal late fee: \$225 (previously \$150)
- Change in status from active to inactive licensure, initial: \$260 (previously \$190)
- Annual inactive license renewal: \$260 (previously \$190)
- Change in status from inactive or lapsed to active license: \$515 (previously \$400)
- Change in status from inactive or active to retired license, initial: \$40 (previously \$15)
- Retired license renewal: \$40 (previously \$15)
- Natural childbirth certificate: \$75 (previously \$60)
- Jurisprudence exam: \$250 (previously \$200)
- Criminal records check: \$60 (previously \$50)
- Board mailing list: \$75 (previously \$50)
- License verification: \$50 (New)

These fee increases are estimated to increase revenues by \$172,655 Other Funds in the 2025-27 biennium and \$333,205 Other Funds in the 2027-29 biennium. This increase is projected to support existing agency operations through the 2027-29 biennium and potentially into the 2029-31 biennium, pending additional scoping of costs related to replacement of the agency's licensing system.

Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

The measure establishes a \$25 product registration amendment fee related to the Hemp Product Registration Program to support amendments to registered product labels and product information during the annual registration period. Revenues are estimated to total \$100,000 Other Funds in the 2025-27 biennium and \$105,550 Other Funds in the 2027-29 biennium. Revenues will support program administration and cost recovery.

Additionally, the agency's annual Hemp Product Registration Fee is being reduced from \$420 to \$400, based on feedback received from agency licensees. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that fee reduction or abolishment does not require ratification.

Oregon Medical Board

The measure establishes new registration fees for programs administered by OMB related to the Five-Needle Protocol Technician Registry, as authorized under HB 2143 (2025). For initial application and registration, the fee is set at \$100, and for annual registration renewal, the fee is set at \$50. The agency estimates \$20,000 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium to support application processing and registry administration.

Department of State Lands

The measure establishes and modifies multiple fees for the Removal-Fill Regulatory Program, as authorized under HB 2238 (2023). The fee schedule implements a tiered structure that is intended to fund program administration costs:

- General authorization submission fee: \$450 (previously \$250)
- General authorization revise or transfer fee: \$50 (New)
- Wetland determination on-site determination fee: \$450 (New)
- Wetland delineation report review fees:
 - Tier 1: \$600 (New)

- Tier 2: \$1,200 (New)
- Tier 3: \$3,500 (New)
- Wetland delineation report reissuance fee: \$600 (previously \$100)
- Removal-fill permit application fees:
 - Type A, non-profit projects, base and tiered application fees ranging from \$700 to \$7,000 (New)
 - Type B, for profit projects, base and tiered application fees ranging from \$2,100 to \$21,000 (New)
- Removal-fill permit renewal fee: \$400 (New)
- Removal-fill in-water work variance fee: \$100 (New)
- Removal-fill permit modification or transfer fee: \$400 (New)

The agency estimates \$2.7 million Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium and \$2.9 million Other Funds revenue in the 2027-29 biennium.

Department of Agriculture

The measure modifies the third-party certification audit fee from \$163 per hour to \$171 per hour to align with the current federal rate established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency estimates \$56,000 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium to support program administration and maintain compliance with federal audit fee requirements.

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

The measure establishes a \$75 criminal conviction determination process fee for programs administered by OBCE to support requests authorized under SB 1552 (2025), which allows individuals to petition a licensing board for a determination of whether a criminal conviction will prevent the individual from obtaining an occupational or professional license. The agency estimates \$750 Other Funds revenue in the 2025-27 biennium, but this amount is entirely dependent on the number of individuals that petition the agency.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.