

**74<sup>th</sup> OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session  
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

**MEASURE: HB 5045-A**

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Carrier – House: Rep. C. Edwards  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

**Vote:** 19 – 0 – 2

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

– Nays:

– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett

– Nays:

– Exc: Bates, Winters

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**Reviewed By:** Tim Walker, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Meeting Date:** 3/2/07

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**Agency**

Board of Tax Practitioners

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**Biennium**

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**Senators:** Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson,  
Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters

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Senator Kurt Schrader, Co-Chair

**Representatives:** D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson,  
Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

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Representative Mary Nolan, Co-Chair

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Representative Bob Jenson, General Government Subcommittee Chair

**Budget Summary\***

	2005-07		2007-09		Percentage Committee Change from Governor's Budget
	Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	Governor's Budget	Committee Recommendation	Difference from Governor's Budget	
Other Funds	\$ 935,709	\$ 1,075,985	\$ 975,436	-100,549	-9.3%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	4	5	4	-1
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	4.00	5.00	4.00	-1.00

(1) Includes adjustments through the December 2006 meeting of the Emergency Board

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

The Board of Tax Practitioners derives its revenue entirely from Other Funds, generated by license and business registration fees, examination fees, and the sale of certain services and the assessment of civil penalties. Revenues are dedicated to carrying out the functions of the Board. The General Government Subcommittee has approved no new or increased fees at this time. All fees for this agency are set in statute and fees are at the cap. House Bill 2240 could potentially remove the fees from statute. If fees are removed from statute they will be through the Administrative Rule and SB 333 process's as other Boards and Commissions have done in the past.

**Summary of Subcommittee Action**

The Board of Tax Practitioners is a consumer protection licensing board that oversees people who prepare personal income tax returns for others and who receive “valuable consideration.” The Board issues two levels of individual licenses; Tax Preparer and Tax Consultant. Preparer level licensees are apprentice practitioners and must work under supervision. Tax Consultants must have at least two years of experience (780 hours) in tax preparation and may work independently. Tax firms and their branch offices are also registered by the Board.

The Subcommittee approved a budget of \$975,436 Other Funds, which is equal to the Essential Budget Level and 4.00 full-time equivalent positions. This agency is not subject to the two percent reprioritization reductions.

Package 100: Fee Increase, was not approved by the Subcommittee pending receipt of House Bill 2240. This was done to ensure no empty limitation was given. This package is a revenue only package and would support the packages 101, 102, and 103. All fees for this agency are currently set in statute and fees are at the cap. If current legislation is passed to remove fee limits from statute, this package and following packages may be added back in the end-of-session omnibus bill.

Packages 101, 102, and 103 were not approved by the Subcommittee due to lack of revenue pending the passage of House Bill 2240. Package 101 would add a one Office Specialist 1 (1.00 FTE) to assist with increased workload. Package 102 would upgrade the Board's current database to integrate the compliance unit with licensing unit. Package 103 would replace computer hardware in conformance with Department of Administrative Services, Enterprise Information Strategy and Policy Division (EISPD), formerly Information Resources Management Division (IRMD), lifecycle replacement guidelines.

### **Summary of Performance Measure Action**

See attached Legislatively Adopted 2007-09 Key Performance Measures form.