74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2227 CARRIER: CONSENT

House Committee on Government Accountability and Information Technology

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Eliminates from statute the requirement that licensed polygraph examiners register with the county clerk in each county where the examiner maintains a business address.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

· Registration with county clerks no longer necessary

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A polygraph is an instrument that records continuously, visually, permanently, and simultaneously changes in cardiovascular, respiratory, and electrodermal patterns as minimum instrumentation standards; and is used for the purpose of rendering a diagnostic opinion regarding the honesty or dishonesty of an individual.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) licenses and regulates polygraph examiners in the State of Oregon. Applicants to become polygraph examiners must meet the following requirements: 18 years of age; citizen of the United States; not have demonstrated behavior indicating inability to perform duties; fingerprint background check; Bachelor's degree *or* high school diploma plus five years of active investigative experience; complete DPSST polygraph examiners course and complete at least 200 examinations *or* five years polygraph experience for a governmental agency and 200 completed examinations; and successful completion of the DPSST examination to determine competency. The department also offers a trainee license to help provide the necessary experience. License fees are \$50 per year, and are deposited into the Police Standards and Training Account.

Licensed polygraph examiners are required to display their license in their place of business, and to notify DPSST in writing of any change in their principal place of business. Under ORS 703.320, licensed polygraph examiners must also register with the county clerk of each county in which they maintain a business address. House Bill 2227 repeals ORS 703.320, thereby deleting the requirement that licensees notify county clerks if they are maintaining a place of business in that county.