

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Barnhart
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Starr

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 17 – 3 – 1

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

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Winters
– Nays: Whitsett
– Exc: Devlin

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Meeting Date: 4/20/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides legislative ratification of fee changes (detailed below) implemented administratively by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology during the interim.

	2003-05 Fee	2005-07 Fee	Effective Date
Application Fee	\$30	\$40	9-13-05
Speech Pathologists and Audiologists: License – initial and renewal	\$100	\$160	9-13-05
Inactive license	\$20	\$50	9-13-05
Delinquent fee	\$10	\$50	9-13-05

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Revenue generated by the fee increases was needed to fund the agency’s 2005-07 legislatively adopted budget.
- The agency’s 2007-09 budget assumes continuation of the fee increases which are expected to generate approximately \$126,000.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 2065-A (2005) gave the State Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology authority to set fees through the administrative rule process. Fees had not been increased since 1995.