

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson

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Meeting Dates: 1/29, 2/26, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes State Board of Psychologist Examiners to order psychological, physical and psychiatric assessments of licensees upon receipt of complaint.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Necessity of Board of Psychologist Examiners to order assessments
- Importance of filing a complaint before requiring investigation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires the Board of Psychologist Examiners to have cause to doubt the fitness of a licensee to practice and that a complaint be filed before it can order assessment of licensee.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners was created for the purpose of examining and licensing all persons in Oregon who engage in the practice of psychology. The Board is also charged with safeguarding the people of the State of Oregon from the dangers of unqualified and improper practice of psychology.

The Board carries out its duties in three areas: examination of applicants; licensure and continuing education; and consumer protection. Proponents assert that this measure would ensure safety and protection of the consumers who seek professional psychological services.